Sharansky: **Azzam** arrest was plot undermine **Israel**

DAVID HARRIS CAIRO

THE arrest of Azzam Azzam was an orchestrated Egyptian attempt to kill Israel's chances of success at the Cairo economio

conference, Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky claimed here yesterday.

During a series of meetings with Egyptian and American ministers, Sharansky called for more news on the arrest of Azzam, a Druse from the Galilee who works in a Cairo textile factory. Egyptian authorities have accused Azzam of engaging in espionage with an Egyptian national.

"I think the incident is an attempt by certain forces in Egypt to undermine the efforts to improve economic relations and to build cooperation," said Sharansky. "The reaction I'm getting is quite often exactly the reaction of certain Soviet ministers when the question of Russian dissidents was raised."

However, he added, he is sure those he met yesterday - including the Egyptian industry, trade, and economic ministers - would pass the message of concern to the highest circles.

Finance Minister Dan Meridor also raised the subject during discussions with Foreign Minister Amr Moussa, who said he would look into the matter. Moussa promised to pass on any information at the earliest opportunity.

A meeting is to take place today between senior officials of Egypt and Israel to discuss the situation. Azzam's family and friends are ilso in Cairo to try to find out

Last night, family representative leave Cairo until I know he is free. He is 100 percent innocent. I believe Azzam is very naive, but maybe the Egyptian they arrested

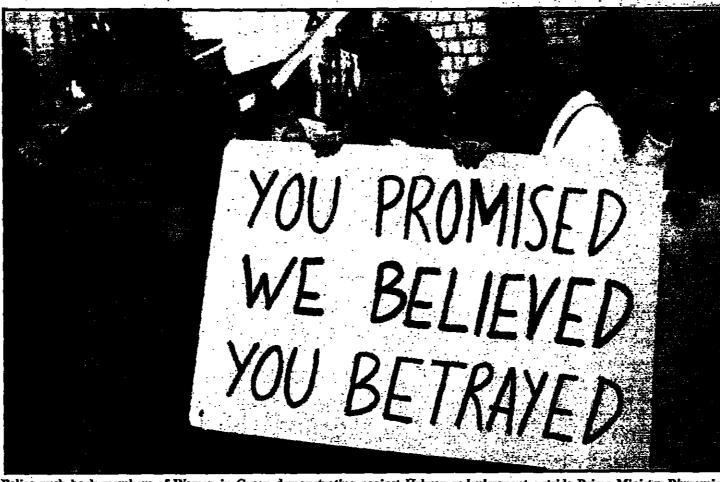
Israel: Azzam is not an agent BATSHEVA TSUR

THE Israeli Embassy in Cairo yesterday lodged a formal demand with the Egyptian government to free Azzam Azzam, an Israeli citizen who disappeared in Cairo a week ago and is suspected by the Egyptians of being a Mossad agent.

Earlier, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu sent a strongly worded message to President Hosni Mubarak stating that an investigation had revealed categorically that Azzam was not involved in espionage activities and must be

Foreign Minister David Levy also said that "Azzam is an innocent citizen who has a family and is clean [of involvement in espi-

Ministry Director-General Eitan Bentsur conveyed a similar message to Egyptian Ambassador (Continued on Page 2)



Police push back members of Women in Green demonstrating against Hebron redeployment outside Prime Minister Binyamin

Hebron awaits the day after redeployment with trepidation

A DRILL for medical personnel, simulating a large attack with numerous injuries, was scheduled for late last night in Hebron, as the IDF continued preparing for the unknown reality to be ushered in when the redeployment agreement is finally signed.

"Everybody here is waiting for an attack," said one of the medics scheduled to take part in the drill. "The way people are talking around here - the border policemen and the Nahal soldiers - it is not a question of if an attack will take place, but when."

On each of the last two nights, there has been a drill simulating attacks with many wounded, the medic said. "In my three years of reserve duty, I've never had a drill

The medic said that in briefings with their commanders, the soldiers have been warned will open fire on settlers as soon as the IDF completely redeploys, in an attempt to spark a conflagration that will eventually force the settlers completely out of the city.

The other is that terrorists will throw rocks at cars, hoping to provoke the occupants to get out and fire in the air. The terrorists then shoot back. The medic said that this tactic was explained as a way to blame the settlers for the incident.

The fear for Hebron's future was also evident in comments by members of the Committee for Peace and Security, a dovish group of reserve officers who made up yesterday's delegation that trooped up and down Hebron's hills to look at the city before the changeover. Every day another delegation of diplomats, journalists, politiHERB KEINON

cians, party backs, or retired army men stand atop Abn Sneneh and look down over the Jewish enclave below.

"I am very skeptical that it can work," said former Tel Aviv mayor Shlomo Lahat, a reserve major-general and one of the group's leaders. But you have to be realis-tic. The IDF is at this time redeploying in Hebron, and there is an attempt to try the [peace] process as it is; not to evacuate the lews. In the long-term we might have to look in that direction, because I don't think things bode well here."

In the meantime, the IDF has, for all intents and purposes, pretty much already dozen soldiers and some heavy equipment that still remains in the area to come under Palestinian control, everything else has been moved into the Jewish enclave.

"Once the IDF decides it is time to go, there is nothing we can do," said Hebron activist Moshe Ben-Zimra. "What are we going to do, lie in front of their buses?" Even if some Hebron or Kiryat Arba settlers would like to adopt that tactic, there will hardly be any buses to lie down in front

One IDF source said that the personnel in the civil administration building, the last large bastion of Israeli presence, can be packed up in a couple of buses. The building, which months ago was teeming with activity, was dead yesterday. Sentries around the sprawling structure were just waiting for the order to be given to pack it

In addition to the soldiers still stationed at the civil administration, there are a handful of soldiers at the Haroz guardpost in eastern Hebron, and another handful at the Zchuchit junction leading into Kiryat Arba. These could be moved in a matter of minutes, IDF officials said.

There are very few IDF foot patrols outside areas that were to remain under Israeli control under the Arafat-Peres Hebron agreement. By contrast, the Jewish enclave teeming with soldiers and policemen, who constantly patrol the streets leading from one of the Jewish compounds to the

Rumors in the city - where everyone be waiting for something to h pen, and looks everywhere for a sign that something is indeed happening - are abundant. Among yesterday's rumors were that the final IDF redeployment will take place on Shabbat; and that to make the settlement more defensible, the IDF plans on removing the seven Jewish families in the Tel Rumeida neighborhood.

This is discounted by settlement leaders, although much of their thought is now on what things will look like the day after.

"We can't force the IDF to patrol the city," said David Wilder. "We are not going to start a militia to attack the Arab police. Everything that we can do to stop redeployment, we have done ... The day after, all our efforts will be channeled into staying put, We are not leaving."

PM cancels US trip

Stays home to oversee completion of Hebron redeployment deal

BATSHEVA TSUR

AN agreement with the Palestinians appeared to be imminent late last night, as Prime Minister Binyamin Netmyahn cancelled his planned visit to the US, just hours before he

was due to depart.
Netanyahu met in his Jerusalem office with Palestinian negotiators Mahmoud Abbas and Yasser Abed-Rabbo, at the request of the Palestinian side. Also present were cabinet secretary Danny Naveh and Netanyahu's adviser Dore Gold.

Shortly afterward, Netanyahu's spokesman announced that he was not going to the US to address the Council of Jewish Federations' assembly in Seattle because the negotiations had reached a sensitive stage and his presence is required in

Late last night, negotiations resumed at the Herzliya Pituah residence of US Ambassador Martin Indyk, with Naveh, Gold and Yitzhak Molcho, Netanyahu's attorney, trying to iron out the last-minute details with Abbas, Abed-Rabbo and Saeb Erekat.

The talks will continue today, but the signing of the agreement could take place tomorrow, according to a senior government official. A Friday signing would coincide with the anniversary of the Palestinian declaration of independence eight years ago, another source noted.

Last night's talks were headed-by Gold because they focused on political issues, and OC Planning Maj-Gen. Shaul Mofaz remained behind to provide military input, after Chief of General Staff Lt. Gen. Ammon Lipkin-Shahak left earlier in the

Several times during the day, Netanyahu had met with Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and Foreign Minister David Levy, as Molcho and Erekat huddled over in Molcho's office.

The main stumbling blocks continued to be "hot pursuit," the weapoury to be used by Palestinian policemen and the use of Shuhadeh Street on which Beit Hadassah is located, as are Arab shops which have been closed since the Baruch Goldstein massacre.

Some of the outstanding issues were left to be dealt with in an exchange of letters between the two

The Israeli letter to the Palestinians is expected to include: · a reaffirmation of Israel's commirment to continue with the next two stages of the Oslo agreements



Redeployment

free access rights for the

· lifting the curfew • an airport in the Gaza Strip
The Palestinian letter to the Israelis is expected to include: • a commitment to renounce terror

and to uproot the Hamas terrorist

infrastructure • a timetable for trying Palestinian security officials involved in shoot-ing Israelis during the recent unrest in the territories

· a specific time when the Palestinian Covenant would be

changed There were also other diplomatic contacts during the day, with President Ezer Weizman reportedly brokering the evening meeting with Netanyahu. •

Weizman met with Arafat advis-ers Ahmed Tibi and Abed-Rabbo at Beit Hanassi in the morning. Tibi reported that, during the meeting, he was put in contact with Naveh. The Palestinians at that point reportedly agreed to meet with Netanyahu and the meeting was fixed for 5:30. It started about an hour late, report-edly after the Palestinian delegation was delayed at a security roadblock. Meanwhile, Netanyahu came under strong pressure from a delegation from the National Religious

Party, which threatened to withhold support for the 1997 budget unless changes were made in the pending The NRP delegation demanded

mat ine agreement de drough before them for perusal, and to the Knesset as well as the cabinet for approval. These demands were rejected and the NRP spokesman said that the party came away disappointed.

But Netanyahu was able to give them one assurance. Following reports that unnamed military sources had recommended the pullout take place just before Shabbat to avert large-scale demonstrations from segments of the religious community, Netanyahu promised there would be no Shabbat redeployment. Ion Immanuel contributed to this

Yosef to encourage kidney donations

SHAS spiritual leader Rabbi Ovadia Yosef will soon launch a campaign encouraging people to register to donate their kidneys after death.

Yosef has already issued a halachic ruling declaring it is a mitzva for a person to donate kidneys. However, he has prohibited families from donating the organs of a deceased relative who had not explicitly given his permission.

Deputy Health Minister Shlomo Benizri of Shas revealed at the welcoming ceremony for new Health Minister Yehoshua Matza that the campaign would initially involve only kidneys, as removal of other organs, which must be removed when the heart is suil beating, is problematic.

Yosef voiced his views in a letter to outgoing health minister Tzahi Hanegbi, who met with numerous rabbis in recent months in an effort to

JUDY SIEGEL Yosef also stated that since there is only negligible medical risk to a person who donates one of his kidneys to someone else in need, this is permitted. Only last week, Hanegbi decided that live donors of kidneys could be not only

> As for cadaver donations, Benizri said it was likely that special cards would be produced for those who neys after their death. It would specify that the organs would not be removed until a physician "trusted by the rabbis" determined that the patient had died

siblings, parents or children, but also spouses, uncles, aunts, cousins, grandparents and grandchildren.

wanted, on the basis of Yosef's ruling, to donate kid-(according to the halachic definition of death). But if the deceased had not bequeathed organs during his lifetime, the family has no right to give doctors permission to take them. Yosef ruled.

CJF expected to urge no change in conversion legislation

TRYING to defuse a crisis between Israel and key segments of American Jewry, the Council of Jewish Federations yesterday was expected to call on the government not to tamper with legislation on religious conversions.

Left unsaid was whether the

government of Prime Minister Binyamin Netaлyahu could afford to let Diaspora sensitivities interfere with his coalition needs. The American Reform move-

ment, with the Conservative movement in tow, has mounted a formidable campaign against the pending legislation, suggesting that it will open the door to a new assault on "Who is a Jew" and undercut the legitimacy of Reform and Conservative Judaism in the US.

Although Shoshana Cardin, the head of United Israel Appeal, said: "We are not reviewing 'Who is a Jew.' This is not 1988." the Reform movement seems to have gotten its message across.

In the corridors of the Seattle convention center, where the 189 autonomous fund-raising agencies of North American Jewry are holding their General Assembly this week, there was muttering among the 3,000 delegates about a return of "Who is a Iew," the 1988 effort to change the Law of

Late last week, Netanyahu apparently sent a letter to MARILYN HENRY

SEATTLE American Jewish organizations indicating that the proposed leg-islative change would not apply to conversions conducted outside

That nicety was insufficient for Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch, head of the Association of Reform Zionists of America. "The State of Israel is legislating laws that serve the primary purpose of disenfranchising the Reform and Conservative movements," he said.

ARZA's campaign forced the CJF to depart from its tightly scripted program to address the legislation. Yesterday, the council was circulating a resolution urging the government to abstain from legislation that would change any aspect of the Law of Return or the "current situation," which, for some, is a code word for status quo.

The draft resolution, which is expected to be approved by the

delegates, is nearly identical to one passed in June in Jerusalem by the annual assembly of the Jewish Agency. And while it expresses an American sentiment, no one suggests it will have any greater practical effect with the government than did the Jewish Agency's resolution.

Nonetheless, it was expected to defuse the tension by giving the Americans what one pundit called a "face-saving victory."

"They can go home and say they fought off Who is a Jew," he said. They take the narrow view, to limit the challenge they see facing them, and then say, 'We met with success.'

Netanyahu's cancelation of his appearance left some delegates without a focus for a planned demonstration about religious pluralism. Three separate marches on the convention center were set to coincide with his appearance - two opposing his peace policies and one supporting

Einstein to wife: Do exactly as I

TOM GROSS

NEWLY released letters, on show to the public for the first time this week in Jerusalem. reveal that Albert Einstein, the man who has become a byword for genius, had a less savory side to his character.

In one letter, written in 1914, less than two years before Einstein revolutionized science with the publication of his theory of relativity, he tried to impose extraordinary conditions of marriage on his first wife,

Mileva. He told her: 1) You will expect no affection from me and you will not reproach me for this;

2) You must answer me at once when I speak to you; 3) You must leave my bedroom

or study at once without protest-

ing when I ask you to go;

4) You will promise not to denigrate me in the eyes of my children, either by word or by deed. The letters, part of a set of 430 letters and papers worth at least \$3 million, were briefly on public view in Jerusalem this week, at the Givat Ram campus of the Hebrew University, before being taken on, via Zurich and Berlin, for auction by Christie's in New York on November 25.

The sale is expected to generare enormous worldwide inter-"Einstein is the first real celebrity scientist. He has become the Elvis Presley and Marilyn Monroe of the scientific world," said Christle's Book Department International director Felix de Marez Oyens, visiting Israel for the first time.

We thought it was fitting that they first be shown publicly here because of Einstein's great love of this country."

The Nobel Prize winner was asked by David Ben-Gurion in



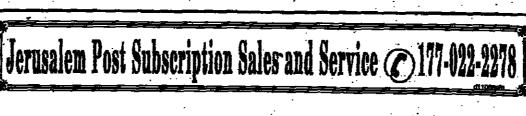
The young Albert Einstein 1952 to become the second president of Israel. Other, earlier letters displayed

this week reveal a more loving, romantic side to Einstein, in which he called Serbian-born Mileva "my dear little kitten," and "my little Dollie."

The letters also show that at the same time the great physicist was being lauded for his new discoveries on relativity, his son, Hans Albert, then 11, was struggling to do his math homework.

The other half of the correspondence, including letters written to Einstein by Mileva and his children, is already at the Hebrew University, having been donated by Einstein, together with his lit-erary rights. But in accordance with the terms of his estate the letters already held here cannot be made public until 2006.

(Full report, Page 7)







businessmen

approached Palestinian represen-

tatives with serious investment

proposals during the first two days

of the Cairo economic summit,

Palestinian Authority Minister of

Economy and Trade Maher Masri

"We have not received any

investor asking for any participa-

He also said the political situation is overshadowing the whole

conference. "In every session we

have attended, we have witnessed

political factors underlying the

It was a mistake for Palestinian

much more stringent.

ger if not locked up.

istrative detentions only in the

case of "clear and present" dan-

ger. This is a more stringent stan-dard than that currently in use,

which requires only a "reasonable basis for believing" that the

detainee would constitute a dan-

It would also reduce the maxi-

mum detention period from six

months to 60 days, and enable

appeals of an administrative

detention to be heard in open

week, a US embassy official said yesterday.

Richard Scorza, a US embassy spokesman.

because of its distance from populated areas.

Bill aims to restrict

administrative

detention of settlers

EVELYN GORDON

said yesterday.

tion," he said.

Kahalani: Security forces found weapons in Hebron Jewish community

INTERNAL Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani (Third Way) told the Knesset plenum yesterday that security forces had discovered some of the weapons stashed by Jewish residents in Hebron. Kahalani was answering parlia-mentary questions by MKs Tamar Gozansky (Hadash) and Eliezer Zandberg (Tsomet) on Hebron.

Kahalani also said the police and General Security Service report which recommended evacuating Jewish residents as the solution to the Hebron problem was written by a junior intelli-gence officer and that police are not obliged to abide by it. He stressed that orders to evacuate residents could only come from the political echelons. He said the report, which mentions the possibility of two local women immolating themselves to protest the redeployment, was "exaggerat-

Jewish Residents Committee in Hebron rejected Kahalani's statement about discovering an arms cache.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, who also answered a question on the subject, said: "I hetanyahu reportedly told the faction that an initialled agree-

ISRAEL has allocated an immediate

sum of \$30,000 towards medicine

for the tens of thousands of sick

refugees in Zaire. The government

also is exploring ways of joining in

multinational efforts, including the

multinational force expected to be

set up by the UN Security Council.

"We will be among the first to be [in the stricken area]," Foreign Minister

Levy said Israel is prepared to par-

ticipate in an international force in

Zaire. He also said Israel is prepared

to immediately help with a donation

of medicinal equipment and pharma-

ceuticals and the embassy in Zaire is

already acting to purchase the goods.

More than a million Hutu refugees

have been displaced as a result of a

month of fighting with rival Tutsis,

who gained control of part of Zaire

that borders on Rwanda and

Burandi, Earlier this week, a UN

doctor warned that a quarter-million

people could be wiped out by a

cholera epidemic which has broken

out among the Hutus in a refugee

Levy answered seven motions to

the agenda on the subject in the

camp near the town of Bukavu.

yesterday.

ment said.

and self-rule areas. (Reuter)

David Levy said yesterday.

Gov't allocates

\$30,000 to aid Zaire

BATSHEVA TSUR AND LIAT COLLINS

LIAT COLLINS

want to believe that common sense, the basis of human wisdom, will win - not the extremists who would endanger everybody, everyone living in Hebron."

Mordechai said any attack or shooting incident would be examined immediately by the Palestinian Police in Hebron and the security forces.

"Any deviation discovered will be dealt with, ... If lives are endangered and the ability to run the city of Hebron is harmed, [security forces] must take all measures," Mordechai said.

MKs from the National Religious Party announced their disappointment after a meeting with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu in his Knesset office yesterday. Netanyahu made a dramatic entry to the meeting, looking hot and angry, and said he had come to listen, not speak. He was apparently cross that details of his meeting with MK Hanan Porat (NRP) earlier that morning had been leaked to the press.

Netanyahu reportedly told the

various parties. He said the condi-

tions in the region are dangerous and

there is no address or body there

with which Israel can coordinate a

relief mission. He said the UN's mis-

sion is being held up for the same

reason. If Israel found a partner to

deal with in the area, it would be pre-

pared to take action even before the

international community organizes

its relief campaign, Levy said. At the initiative of Third Way fac-

tion chairman Yehuda Harel, a group

of MKs met yesterday with

Rwanda's ambassador in Israel and

today expects to met the US and

South African ambassadors in an

effort to find a way to send Israeli aid

MK Adisu Massala (Labor) sent a

letter to the prime minister calling

to Zaire and saying that as an

Ethiopian immigrant he could iden-.

tify with the people there. He said

the world was deaf to the problem,

but the Jewish People are obliged to

help because of its history of suffer-

ing poverty and persecution as

The Tel Aviv University Student

refugees in many countries.

ment would be presented to the Knesset, while the NRP MKs are demanding the unsigned version be voted on. The faction said its minimum demand is that the NRP ministers, Yitzhak Levy and Zevulun Hammer, see the agreement before it is initialled.

MK Zvi Hendel, who was the Gaza Coast Regional Council head until elected to the Knesset said he would not vote in favor of the agreement unless three basic conditions are included in the agreement the right of hot pursuit, including as a preventative measure; the development of the Jewish community in Hebron; and the strict abidance to the agreement by both sides.

Moledet leader Rehavam Ze'evi and MK Benny Elon sent a letter to Netanyahu calling on him to halt the plans for the redeployment before he "enters history as the person who created the conditions to liquidate the Jewish community in the City of the

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid said: Jews have the right to live in Hebron, but not those Jews. They should be removed."

Cairo's hottest ticket: Lunch at the Israeli table

DAVID HARRIS

DAY two of the Cairo economic conference and the initial technical hiccups seem to have subsided. This was the day each country was given to sell itself. The Palestinian luncheon was a good indicator of the lack of interest in the territo-

Of the five lunches, three were Israeli. Eventually, all the

for emergency assistance to be sent. from Occidental-Skoda AS, I and the Japanese Center for International Finance. During the course of a three-hour meal, it became clear that my fellow tableguests and many others had no real intention of doing business in

> about such investment. Perhaps the most interesting places in the huge conference venue, which makes the Jerusalem International Convention Center appear like a local synagogue hall, are the snake like corridors which link the Myriad Hall and the meet-

> It's here where any business that's going to be done, is done. Handshakes, exchanges of business cards or company profiles, and arrangements of future company visits are to be seen all

The Israel exhibition area is also on the ground, by Arabs; behind is Qatar and in front Jordan and

Unlike the first day of the conference, more of the visitors to the Israeli stand appear to be foreign. While some Israelis talk pessimistically, most are now doing what they came for, not politics but business.

man of the Kibbutz Industries Association. "We're talking, that's businessmen to stay away from it. But it's better than shooting.

Foreign Minister Amr Moussa, which he described as positive. Meridor also met US negotiator Dennis Ross.

"Generally speaking, the atmosphere is less friendly than in Amman," said Micha Hertz, chair-

Business crowd ignoring

Palestinians in Cairo

this year's conference, said Masri.

"I would have liked them to be

here to explain their hopes for the

future," he said. "What they have

done is send a signal to the confer-

ence by not attending. We would

Elsewhere there were mixed

reports on how Israelis were

received in the conference halls.

have had better representation."

DAVID HARRIS

I'm sure we'll return to better times, but setbacks will happen, I'm sure of it."

Graffiti appearing yesterday on Jerusalem's Davidka monument, allegedly signed by the extreme Kach movement, reads "Bibi you are following in Yitzhak the traitor's footsteps," and "Bibi is bad for the Jews." Police are investigating the writings, also sprayed

Hertz was speaking after the fourth official meeting between the Manufacturers Association and its Egyptian counterpart.

Meanwhile, Israeli ministers attending the conference held a series of intensive meetings yes terday. Finance Minister Dan Meridor held talks with Egyptian

Chief Rabbi Lau: Hebron Jews cannot be forced out

HAIM SHAPIRO

ASHKENAZI Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau said yesterday that it is forbidden to evacuate Hebron's Jewish residents.

Lau's opinion, which he expressed to a visiting group of Emuna members from England, appears to be in direct opposition to a view expressed a day earlier by Sephardi Chief Rabbi (
Eliahu Bakshi-Doron. The Sephardi chief rabbi said that if the military authorities felt the lives of the Jewish inhabitants were in danger, they should be

Lau said that evacuating the Jewish community would constitute a prize for the Arab riog ers who massacred the Jewis population of the city in 1929. would also constitute a prece dent for other communities, added.

Lau also recalled that la prime minister Yitzhak Rab had promised Lau that Jewish settlements would not be evacu ated. Lau also said Rabin had told him the Shavei Hevron yeshiva should remain where it is, beside Machpela Cave.

At the same time, Lau also said the residents of Hebron should obey the security forces and not oppose them, either physically or verbally.

In yesterday's Page 4 story on the Knesset Anti-Drug Abuse Committee, the fifth paragraph should read: "But Dep.-Cmdr. Simon Peri, deputy head of the police drugs department, said decriminalization leads to a rise

instant sellouts, including the Jordanian tickets were also snapped up. Only the PA failed to fill its hall.

At my table were executives the territories.

When Palestinian Authority Minister of Economy and Trade Maher Masri rose to speak, he received polite, even warm applause. He talked of the willingness of Palestinians to invest and the hope the foreigners would follow suit. However, he admitted privately no one is talking serious-

a hive of activity, with entrepeneurs popping in and out. The stall is surrounded, like the reality

KNESSET Law Committee chaircourt unless the court itself decides otherwise.

man Shaul Yahalom (National Meanwhile, Yahalom also Religious Party) has submitted a stepped up his attack on Attorneyprivate member's bill to make it General Michael Ben-Yair yesterharder to use administrative detentions against Jewish residay over the latter's refusal to. dents of the territories, in advance attend today's committee session. of a major discussion the commit-Ben-Yair said he refused because he saw no reason for a parliamentee is holding on the subject tary committee to be discussing administrative detentions - and if Yahalom's bill would apply the there was room for such a discuslaw governing administrative detentions within Israel to Israeli

sion, this would certainly not be citizens residing in the territories the right time. Yahalom said he found Benas well. At present, Jewish residents of the territories are gov-Yair's response unconscionable emed by military law, which is especially in light of the fact that the attorney-general did agree to address the Bar Association on The bill would also make several changes in the Israeli law. First, this subject. Surely, he said, the it would permit the use of admin-Knesset is as deserving of Ben-

Yair's time and attention as the "I think it is his duty to appear before before the committee on such a fundamental issue, where the values of human dignity and freedom clash with society's need to defend itself," Yahalom said.

Ben-Yair is sending State Attorney Edna Arbel and Uzi Fogelman, head of the Justice Ministry's High Court division, to the committee, however.

US marines train in Negev

HUNDREDS of US marines trained at an IDF base in the Negev this

security relationship with Israel, they go on from time to time," said

Scorza said the exercises are continuing but gave no other details.

Ma' ariv reported that the desert base was chosen as a training location

According to the paper, the US has sought remote training areas since the bombing of a US army barracks in Saudi Arabia last summer. (AP)

These are long-planned exercises as part of the long and productive

cancels **Western Wall Tunnel visit**

Whitman

FACING protests by Arab Americans and a warning by the US ambassador, New Jersey Governor Christie Whitman canceled her planned visit to the Hasmonean Tunnel in Jerusalem's Old City yesterday.

"It's because I became more more aware that I wasn't going to get away with it," Whitman explained to reporters accompanying her on a tour of Israel. "I wasn't going to be able to put on a wig and dark glasses and go."

The governor, who will stand for reelection next year, vowed before coming that she would not succumb to pressure by Arab-American groups to cancel the visit to the tunnel, which ignited fatal riots throughout the territories when it was opened in September.

New Jersey newspapers reported that several of Whitman's Jewish supporters had suggested she visit the tunnel, and she agreed. But the Arab-American League of Voters of New Jersey called on Whitman not to do so.

CORRECTION

in addiction," and not as print-

NEWS IN BRIEF

Knesset plenum raised by MKs from Union is collecting donations to help

Israelis in peace group

donate milk to Gaza

ISRAELIS on a committee advocating dialogue with Palestinians donated 30 tons of powdered milk to the Gaza Strip, the group said

The Committee for Israeli-Palestinian Dialogue said in a state-

ment that at its initiative "the Matzna factory in Kibbutz

Ma abarot donated 30 tons of milk powder to Gaza children."

This is a humble contribution to ease the great difficulties felt

by the people of Gaza Strip, especially the children, as a result of

the closure Israel has imposed on them for long months," the state-

Israel sealed off the West Bank and Gaza Strip last February after

a series of suicide bombings by Moslem militants killed 59 people.

Palestinians say the closure violates the Oslo Accords, which guar-

antee freedom of movement of goods and people between Israel

Driver convicted of girl's manslaughter

Jerusalem District Court convicted Valery Derfkin of manslaughter for running a red light on Jerusalem's Rehov Bar-Ilan and killing Tam Itiel, 11, two-and-a-half years ago. Derfkin hit Itiel and Batya Steinberg, who were crossing the street, and then hit a car. Derfkin said he had not noticed that the light had changed. He is to be sentenced in a month-and-a-half.

Woman murdered in hostel Samira Nigiam, 32, of Nazareth, who worked as a housemother in

a Mitzpe Hoshiya hostel in the Lower Galilee, was murdered yesterday afternoon with a blunt object, police said. Another worker found her body in the hostel. He said she had

lived at the hostel and took care of receiving guests, cleaning and organization. Police have not yet arrested any suspects in the case.

Korman trial opens

The trial of Nahum Korman, the Hadar Betar security officer charged with manslaughter in the death of Hilmi Shoushi, 11, opened yesterday in Jerusalem District Court. After Korman's lawyer requested a copy of all the investigative material in the case, the trial was adjourned until a later date.



The Directors and Staff extend sincere condolences to their colleague Maurice Singer on the death of his dear father

JACK SINGER 5"

and wish all the family long life. Shiva will be held at 37/1 Rehov Ariosoroff, Ra'anana.

NOT AN AGENT

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Meanwhile, additional diplomatic efforts were being pursued by government ministers attending the Cairo economic summit. Finance Minister Dan Meridor

met with Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa and demanded that Azzam be freed immediately from Tura Prison, where he is reportedly being held or that he be allowed to meet with the consul at the embassy.

Moussa said there were no new developments and that the legal authorities are examining the case, Meridor added.

At the same time, Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky said he was continuing to the raise the issue at every meeting with the Egyptians.

The abduction and arrest of Azzam were "a provocation on the part of an Egyptian citizen," Kara Ayoub, who is representing the interests of the Azzam family in Cairo, said. Ayoub told Israel Radio that he was being "mistreated" by the Egyptians, and that security officers were trailing him. The head of Azzam's village of Maghar appealed to Mubarak via Bassiouny to free Azzam, who was working in a joint Israeli-Egyptian textile factory in Cairo.

Levy, who was speaking in the Knesset, said the reports in the Egyptian press describing Azzam as an agent are untrue. He said the affair is affecting Israel-Egyptian relations and described the incident as "serious." Levy said Azzam had been framed and there is no basis to the charges on which he is being

Levy demanded Azzam's immediate release and said the government would not rest until he had been returned to his wife and fami-

The affair casts a dark shadow on the [question] of the attitude toward Israelis and the basic rights of Israeli citizens [visiting Egypt]," Levy said.

Liat Collins contributed to this report.

Deri claims he declared funds

IN a bid to counter bribery charges against him, Shas MK Aryeh Deri testified yesterday that in 1989, a year before the investigation against him began, his accountant had declared to the state comptroller that Deri had deposited \$50,000 with Yom Tov Rubin. Deri said he also had declared \$10,000 in cash that he had received from his wife's adop-. tive parents and kept in his home.

The defense presented a copy of this report, which it said had been stored in the accountant's office and never presented to the comptroller. Den had no idea why the comptroller did not have a copy.

Deri also denied state's witness Ya'acov Shmulevitz's claim that he had fraudulently allocated thousands of shekels to the Lev Banim yeshiva. He said he had not been involved in establishing the non-profit Society to Rehabilitate Prisoners, which passed the government grants it received on to the yeshiva.

Deri also told the court that when he became interior minister, he immediately realized that Sephandim were not getting their fair share and worked to correct that. (Itim)

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a stepping stone to another job. However, he said he was 'not going anywhere else." He did not mention the reported arrangement whereby he would revert to being only an MK if Ya'acov Ne'eman were cleared of allegations and returned to the

Matza assumes duties

Matza, a longtime Likud MK, Jerusalem deputy mayor, chairman of Shikun Ufituah and former Knesser Interior Committee chairman, said he previously had set his sights on the post of interior minister. However, he regarded rehabilitating the health system and obtaining adequate Treasury funding as being of prime importance.

Matza said he was aware that the ministry had a "stigma" of constant turnover and faced many difficult

Hanegbi, speaking at the ceremo-ny, said he was leaving with "mixed feelings... I came here with much lack of confidence, as I had never been a minister before. I am happy to Justice Ministry, sending Tzahi be advanced to the prestigious post Hanegbi back to the Health Ministry. be advanced to the prestigious post of justice minister, but sad to leave a

As chairman of the ministerial legislation committee, he promised to help Matza push through healthrelated bills. The audience, senior staff from

ministry offices, hospitals, health funds and health service unions around the country, spoke among themselves with some cynicism over the frequent numover of ministers and directors-general, each of whom spent months just learning the job and quickly went elsewhere.

One hospital director, who insisted on anonymity, said: "The condition of the health system is declining, and the ministers have not been dealing in ministry matters. The outgoing minister wasn't interested and didn't offer any solutions. I hope Matza

Health Ministry okays MS treatment drug Copaxone

ISRAEL has become the first country in the world to approve the marketing of Copaxone, Teva's drug for reducing the severity and frequency of multiple sclerosis attacks. Final approval of the drug by the US Food and Drug Administration is due to be issued soon, following an advisory committee's recommendation in

Teva, which has invested tens of millions of dollars in the drug, which was developed over the past 30 years at the Weizmann Institute,

day by patients with the repeatingremitting form of the neurological, auto-immune disease. Teva's Copaxone expert, Dr. Aharon Schwartz, said the Israeli authorization will advance registration of the drug in other countries.

Although the Health Ministry informed Teva on Tuesday night of its permission to begin marketing the drug, a government committee still must decide whether to include Copaxone in the list of has not yet set a price for the drug. medications which the health Copaxone is injected every other funds include in their basket of

(unlike Copaxone, not specific to the disease) called Betaserone was included in the list after patients took the ministry to court, but there are strict criteria for its inclusion in treatment.

At present, several hundred MS parients are receiving Copaxone as part of clinical trials funded by Teva. The company spokeswoman said "none of these patients would be abandoned and have the drug taken away from them in the interim, but we hope the drug will soon be included in the list and supplied

GREER FAY CASHMAN

THE feminization of poverty is

becoming increasingly acute social welfare experts said this week at a

Organizations in Israel seminar on

against gender discrimination in

the job market, women continue to

be victimized, said Mina Westman,

chairperson of the Small Business

Authority's committee for female

entrepreneurship. Women com-prise 53.6 percent of job seekers.

she said, adding that women are

paid only 65% of what men doing

the same jobs receive. She also

noted that 70% of minimum wage

Equality is set down in the

statute books, but isn't given much

expression in practice, said

legislation

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Treasury: Gov't **Statistics** show women earns NIS 2b. a year key victims from car theft of poverty

EVELYN GORDON

THE government earns some NIS 2 billion a year from car thefts, the Knesset Economics Committee recommend passing a law exemptlearned yesterday.

Treasury representative Gila Metzido explained to the committee that people whose cars are stolen generally buy new ones, and the purchase of any new car entails paying heavy taxes. Based on data collected by the Lapidot Committee, which showed that taxes on a new car come to 120% of the car's cost, and the fact that this comes to a profit for the state of NIS 2 billion a year, she said.

The committee is getting the impression that car thefts have become a profitable business for the government," said acting committee chairman Shalom Simhon largely be attributed to the region's (Labor), expressing the committee's shock.

You could solve all the problems of the state budget by doubling the quantity of car thefts," suggested Ya'acov Enoch, representative of the Association of Car Palestinian rings that routinely Importers, who admitted that the steal cars in Israel and smuggle

ing those whose cars are stolen from paying taxes on replacements. The committee was also surprised to discover that the police's

car theft unit consists of only 26 policemen, even though the crime is endemic. Its budget, paid for entirely by the insurance companies, comes to NIS 4.5 million a

MK Effi Oshaya (Labor), who 5,573 cars have been stolen in the Sharon region alone during the first eight months of the year. This is an increase of 35% compared to the

same period last year, he said. proximity to the autonomous Palestinian regions. He recently met with the Palestinian governor of Tulkarm, he said, and the latter told him that the Palestinian Police were aware of joint Israeli-

importers are also a major benefithem into the autonomous regions. Court backs decision not to probe sponsors of ad blaming

day upheld Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair's decision not to open a criminal investigation against the author of an advertisement which indirectly accused Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu of responsibility for the murder of prime minister

The advertisement, which appeared on the front page of Ha'areiz on June 18 - the day Netanyahu's government was sworn in - consisted of a passage from Kings I, chapter 21, which describes how King Ahab obtained a vineyard from a man who did not want to sell it: Queen Jezebel persuaded two men to swear falsely that the owner, Naboth, had committed a capital crime, and after he was executed. Ahab took possession of the vineyard. In response, God sends Elijah the Prophet to curse Ahab.

"And thou shalt speak unto [Ahab], saying: Thus sayeth the Lord: Hast thou killed and also taken possession?" the passage

concludes. The advertisement then added: "This was placed as a painful reminder to the public and to those who take God's name in vain... upon the swearing in of a new government in Israel, 230 days after the murder of Yitzhak

Ben-Yair said he saw no reason to open a criminal investigation for sedition or libel against those who placed the advertisement - a group called "We Will Not Forget," headed by businessman David Moshevitz - both because there was not enough evidence and because there was no public interest in prosecuting. The eviSimhon said the committee will

Oshaya said this increase can

Netanyahu for murder EVELYN GORDON

THE High Court of Justice yester- dence problem, he said, was due to the fact that the advertisement cific person of any specific act, and could therefore "be given different interpretations." Furthermore, he said, the importance of freedom of speech made

> speech in question created a clear and present danger of violence, which the advertisement did not. Justices Theodor Orr, Tova Strasberg-Cohen and Dorit Beinish, ruling on a petition against this decision by attorney Yedidya Be'eri, agreed that Ben-Yair's judgment regarding the importance of free speech was reasonable. Because of this, they said, they did not even have to consider his claim that the advertisement was too ambiguous to

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it wrong to prosecute unless the

National Insurance Institute Director-General Yossi Tamir, who quoted additional statistics to support the contention that women bear the bulk of the poverty bur-Less than 10% of the male work

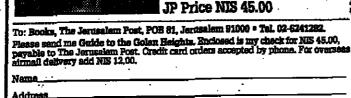
force is employed in part-time jobs he said, whereas the ratio for women is around 32%. Similarly, 14% of men, compared to 32% of women, in full-time employment earn the minimum wage of NIS 2,500. At the other end of the scale, men account for 10% of salaried workers earning over NIS 15,000 per month, while only 1% of omen are in this bracket.

Ofpensioners receiving the minimum allotment of around NIS 1,000 per month, 20% are women and 11% are men. There are 200,000 households living below the poverty line, and of these 80,000 are those of single parent families. The overwhelming majority of the latter are headed by

women, Tamir said. Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai said he was surprised at the high percentage of women earning minimum wage. He pledged that a ministry committee on poverty would give special attention to helping impoverished women.

Yisrael Ba'aliya MK Marina Solodkin called on impoverished







a transcendental meditation for peace, security and national unity across from the Knesset yesterday.

Supreme Court considering retrial of convicted rapist in light of new evidence

THE Supreme Court will decide in the next few days whether to order a retrial for a man convicted of rape, whose accuser has since been

videotaped saying the rape never happened.
David Guetta, 39, was convicted by the Tel Aviv District Court 10 months ago of raping a relative, who was a minor at the time. He was sentenced to three and a half years in prison. His wife then hired a private investigator to prove her husband's innocence, and the investigator managed to obtain a videotape of the girl saying she had lied in court about the rape. On the strength of this tape, Guetta is asking for a

However, the state insists that the girl's testimony in court was accurate, and that it is her videotaped statement to the private investigator, David Schneider, which is a lie.

According to the girl's version, which the

KNESSET BRIEFS

Bill canceling direct election of PM fails A joint bill by MKs Yossi Beilin (Labor) and Uzi Landau

(Likud) calling for the abolition of the direct election of the prime minister failed to pass its preliminary reading in the Knesset yesterday when it gathered only 32 votes in favor, compared to 50 against and I abstention. Landau's vote in favor of the bill was the sole green light among the red ones lit up by his Likud colleagues on the electronic voting panel. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu was present for the vote.

Liat Collins

Pensioners caucus to fight budget cuts Eighteen MKs from across the political spectrum have joined the parliamentary caucus for pensioners. MKs Naomi Blumenthal (Likud) and Yossi Katz (Labor) are among the caucus heads.

The lobby declared that its first mission is to persuade the government to back down on the intended budget cuts which would affect senior citizens.

Group launches information drive about MIAs The International Coalition for Missing Soldiers has launched an information campaign in the Knesset focussing on the MIAs from the Battle of Sultan Ya'acoub in 1982: Zachary Baumel; Zvi Feldman; and Yehuda Katz. Two Christian women from Holland who gathered 200,000 signatures calling for the return of the MIAs met with MK Uzi Landau (Likud), chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee. MK Naomi Blumenthal (Likud) raised a motion to the agenda marking Baumel's 36th birthday.

Nearly half of TV owners don't pay license An estimated 40%-50% of television owners do not pay their license fees, Adi Hadar, head of the Israel Broadcasting Authority's audit committee, told the Knesset State Control Committee yesterday.

Committee chairman Ran Cohen (Meretz) said in response that he would submit a bill to have the IBA funded out of taxes, as the license system - which involves inspectors going door to door to see if people have paid - is both ineffective and intrusive.



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Schneider entrapped her into lying by under-

handed and possibly criminal tactics. The girl, who is now a soldier, claims that Schneider picked her up on her way to her army base one day and began paying court to her. He pretended to be a diamond merchant. Eventually, he told her he wanted to stage a robbery in order to collect the insurance money on his diamonds, and wanted a female accomplice who would be capable of lying to the insurance company and withstanding the pressures of an investiga-

The girl said that by this time she was so in love with him that she would do anything, even lie, to gain his admiration. She therefore told him she would be his accomplice. To convince him of her suitability, she then told him that she state says is supported by the videotapes, had even gotten a man convicted of a rape that

As proof that the girl was lying to Schneider and telling the truth in court, prosecutor Aviya Alef noted that the girl told Schneider she had never even had sex with Guetta at the time she accused him of rape. Guetta, however, had

admitted to having sex with her; he merely claims it was with her consent. Justices Aharon Barak, Mishael Cheshin and Dalia Domer decided that they would review both the videotapes and the girl's later statement to the police. The defense is asking for a new trial, while the state wants the new evidence to be part of an appeal. The justices appeared to be leaning towards a compromise position, whereby the district court would conduct a mini-trial strictly on the credibility of the

new evidence and its findings would then be

sent back to the Supreme Court, which would

consider them in the context of the appeal.

Court refuses to hear Fishler's petition **EVELYN GORDON**

THE High Court of Justice rejected a petition by Pinhas Fishler yesterday against his dismissal as head of the Prime Minister's Bureau, saying this was a matter for the labor courts rather than the High Court.

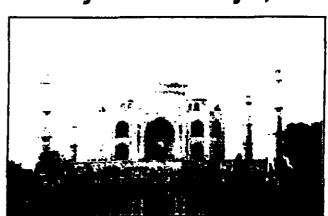
At the same time, the court lifted the publication ban which has been in place since the petition was filed. asked to resign by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Avigdor

security check by the General Security Service. The State Attorney's Office said Fishler had not been asked to resign, but had rather resigned of his own free will, due to the wave of newspaper publications about his criminal record and a deteriorating relationship with

Netanyahu. complaint did not belong in the High Court. This is a straightforward case Lieberman, director-general of the of an employer-employee dispute, Prime Minister's Office, on the and the proper place for it is the labor grounds that he had not passed a courts, the state said.

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Shelling interrupts first UN aid handout in Goma

GOMA, Zaire (Reuter) - Aid workers vesterday resumed distribution of the first outside supplies to reach eastern Zaire since fighting began, after shelling of the hospital in Goma had sent them running for

Held up by two days of talks with suspicious local rebels, a group of UN and other agencies had finally begun to unload 10 tons of food and supplies when shells slammed into and near the hospital compound. No

injuries were reported. "It is a signal of what things could be like if we want to mount a major operation in Goma," said Michelle Quintaglie, a UN World Food Program (WFP) spokeswoman.

But she said sending aid from Rwanda via Goma to 1.2 million stranded refugees is still the only real option. A UN plan to send it through remote Kisangani, deep in Zaine on the other side of the frontline, is unfeasible.

"It would be a logistical nightmare." Quintaglie said

Canada is offering to lead a multilateral military force to bring in the aid to the desperate Rwandan and Burundian Hutus. UN leaders say it could be in place by the weekend, but Security Council approval depends on US support.

France, ceding the lead role to Canada because of Rwandan and rebel hostility, said it could have 600 paratroopers in Zaire 24 hours after UN approval and 600 more a day

But it said Washington also had to send its own troops to join up to 10,000 from at least 12 nations, including Spain, Italy, South Africa,

and six other African countries. "The United States must participate," government spokesman Alain

Lamassoure said in Paris. After days of hesitation, the US was yesterday expected to announce it will take part in the international force. US officials said.

That is currently under very extensive discussion at the highest levels of government today, and I think an announcement will shortly be made about our intention to join international force," Undersecretary of State for Global Affairs Tim Wirth said at a World

Food Summit in Rome. Seven African states are prepared to send troops to the force, the 54nation Organization of African Unity said.

Emma Bonino, the European Union's humanitarian aid commissioner, urged the world not to delay a second further.

Thousands of refugees, some cut off from help since local Tutsis rebelled a month ago, are believed to have died already from thirst and now cholera in the hills where they have fled.

The real headaches - how to take in the aid, how to tempt the refugees home, and what to do with armed fighters among them - will come

once the force is agreed. Zaire's Prime Minister Kengo wa Dondo, who had insisted aid pass through territory under his government's control, said Zaire is ready to show "flexibility" to ensure emergency food reaches its civilians and the refugees.

Kengo, speaking after talks with UN special envoy Raymond Chretien, said Zaire accepted the idea of the Canadian-led force, as long as it helps all refugees return

Most refugees ran to Zaire in 1994 to escape a victorious Tutsi army which put an end to the genocide by Hums of some 800,000 Tutsis in Rwanda. They fear reprisals for their role in the slaughter if they go home, as Rwanda, Zaire, and everyone else is urging them to. Hutu guamen among them have

intimidated any who tried to leave. The shelling in Goma, previously a base for a two-year relief operation that cost \$1 million a day, but failed to disarm the refugees, showed the risk of sending any multinational force without the con-

fidence of all sides. It erupted after rebels, who control major eastern rowns in the biggest Zairean revolt for decades, fired at a plane over the town, saying they suspected French troops were on

Defense officials in Paris denied the allegation.

Rwanda and the rebels accuse France of a secret agenda to restore Zairean authority in the east and help the Hunus, whose flight to Zaire in 1994 was aided by French inter-

"If French troops arrive in Goma we will fire on them and resist them," rebel commandant Andre

Delhi crash puts ex-Soviet aircraft, crew in spotlight

MOSCOW (Reuter) - The collision of a Kazakh Ilyushin cargo plane with a Saudi jumbo jet over India on Tuesday has thrown a harsh spotlight on the safety of thousands of former Soviet aircraft operating around the world.

There was no word yesterday of what caused the world's worst mid-air collision, feared to have killed some 350 people.

The lack of modern radar at New Delhi air traffic control might have been a factor. So might controller or pilot error.

Officials in Almaty rejected speculation about failings in the II-76TD jet, owned by deeply indebted Kazakhstan National Airways (KazAir), or that pilot Cheripanov's command of English, the international language of aviation, might be at

All II-76 freighters, whose bulky, high-winged, four-engine form has become familiar across the world's air cargo routes in recent years, are equipped with gauges in feet and knots, as well as the Soviet standard metric equipment.

The head of Russia's air traffic control center, Robert Urtsey, said the planes also carry collision warning equipment - although some pilots have a habit of switching it off.

Airline officials said the pilot spoke good

Aviation experts say the flood of former Soviet crews into the wider world after the end of the Cold War has, however, been accompanied by poor standards of communication. Russian was the lingua franca of air transport in the communist bloc.

KazAir's troubles - its own government owners slammed its safety standards before formally shutting it down in August over massive debts - are far from unique in the former Soviet Union.

Many of the hundreds of other "babyflots" spawned by the carve up of the Soviet carrier Aeroflot after 1991 have been involved in crashes and have seen questions raised over safety.

Cash problems, meaning poor maintenance and over-worked crews, have been blamed for a mounting number of crashes in Moscow's old empire and, increasingly, abroad as cut-rate freighters carve out a niche on the world's air

The doomed Delhi jet was at least the fourth fatal II-76 crash this year. Only one came down in Russia - on the far eastern Kamcharka peninsula in April. In August, 10 crew died on a Russian Il-76 near Belgrade after reported mechanical failure. In June, a Ukrainian crew perished on takeoff at Kinshasa, Zaire.

Other cargo craft have had problems too. The Zairean capital was the site of one of the world's worst air disasters in January, when a Russian Antonov An-32 smashed into a marketplace on

take-off, killing about 350. The two pilots are in jail. Just last month, six people died when an An-12 slid off a runway in Angola. And an An-124 freighter came down last month near Turin, killing two of the crew and two Italian villagers.

Loss of life has been even greater on passenger craft. More than 140 people died when a Tupolev Tu-154 slammed into a mountain on Norway's Arctic island of Spitsbergen in August.

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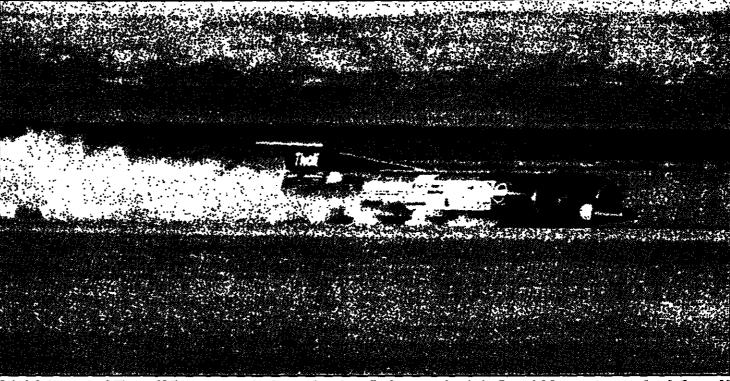
The US Federal Aviation Authority said last December after the crash of a Tu-154 in the Far East that Russian airlines were "minimally meet-

ing requirements" for international air safety. The most notorious crash of recent years was in March 1994, when 70 people died after an Aeroflot pilot allowed his teenage son to send an Airbus A310 crashing into the Siberian taiga.

Yet against the bleak picture, reinforced by the dilapidated cabins and poor service which greet travellers in the region, planes and crews are generally of a fundamentally high caliber.

The II-76, whose distinctive glass nose cone belies its original mission as a military tank transporter, is a highly maneverable and powerful craft, whose mainly ex-air force pilots are trained to outdive, outclimb, and outweave incoming missiles. Landing in a Russian airliner can be a mixture of the sublime and the ridiculous. The seats creak. The baggage lockers rattle. But more often than

not, snow and ice notwithstanding, passengers cannot tell just when the wheels hit the ground. Years of landings on makeshift Afghan airfields or pitching carriers in the North Atlantic make Soviet pilots some of the smoothest in the business. Unfortunately, today's money worries can pose different dangers from ocean storms or



Britain's jet-powered Thrust SSC roars across the desert of southern Jordan yesterday, in its first trial for an attempt to break the world land speed record. RAF pilot Andy Green drove the car up to a modest 260 miles per hour, a fraction of the speed it is aiming to reach. (Reduc)

Russia sees threat to ties with US over spy row

MOSCOW (Reuter) - Moscow-Washington ties face serious harm in a spy row over the arrest of an ex-Soviet KGB agent in the US last month. Russian intelligence offirials said yesterday.

Kremlin spymasters are furious wer the former agent's arrest, on a vew York visit after openly cknowledging his old profession. hey accuse their American counrparts of breaking "rules of the ame" of espionage between the rmer Cold War foes. "We would not like to do any-

ting to dent the relationships tween the two countries or even irm the two countries themselves. it we will have to retaliate in an lequate way," said Tatvana molis, a spokeswoman for the Intelligence Service

Samolis said a response could be proved this week by the Federal curity Service (FSB), responsi-

She said the case is a breach of an understanding between rival spy agencies not to hound retired intelligence officers.

Moscow's view is that the US has violated an unwritten, gentlemanly code of honor in international espionage allowing former agents to travel freely.

"If Russia did the same to an American ex-spy, the US Sixth Fleet would be here on the Moscow River," Samolis said. She said Russia would wait until today, when Vladimir Galkin will be arraigned for the second time in a federal court in Massachusetts on charges he conspired to steal top secret information about the US "Star Wars" program.

"We have not yet run out of patience, we still expect common sense to prevail, but we will see what the court says. Our demands remain the same - his unconditional release and return to Moscow,"

The 50-year-old former spy, who had clearly stated his former profession in his application for a US visa, was arrested by the FBI on October 29 at John F. Kennedy airport in New York. Galkin was ordered returned to jail after the first court hearing on Tuesday.

Russia's Foreign Ministry demanded Galkin's release earlier this week and labelled the case "a provocation." There has never been such a

case. It is a provocation which originated out of nowhere, while the United States gave no reasons for such action," Samolis said. "Galkin is not a criminal, but he was lured into the United States in the same way the Interpol treats criminals," she said, referring to the fact that the warrant for his arrest was issued before his visa to

Political analysts have suggested that former senior CIA officers might be legitimate targets for retaliation while on private visits to

"The FBI cannot ignore the fact that former US spies working in Russia will face similar measures,' Samolis said, commenting that the case may reflect differences between the CIA and the FBL

Russian paper offers 3 million rubles for best love letter to a politician

MOSCOW (AP) - Russians who love their leaders now have a chance to show their feelings nationwide and even date their idols - thanks to a newspaper contest for the best love letter to a politician.

nation's largest circulation daily, started the contest Wednesday with a letter addressed to Prime Minister Viktor Chemomyrdin, 58, a sturdy Soviet-era technocrat.

"They say a woman loves with her ears and a man with his eyes," Irina Rodionov wrote to Chemomyrdin. "I love you with both my eyes and ears."

The newspaper didn't mention her age or occupation.

"When I see you, so calm and stocky with a glint of cheerful shrewdness in your eyes, I think that one standing behind you would feel if they behind a stone Rodionov wrote in her letter, which the daily published under a blaring "In bed with Chemomyrdin: Three million for

Moskovsky Komsomolets promised the winner would receive three million rubles (NIS 1770) and have a rendezvous with the addressee. It promised to regularly publish such leavers, noting that a "little touch of croticism isn't forbidden."

"Sometimes I would lay my boy to bed, sit alone and dream of your strong and tender hands and warm voice," she said, carefully adding that she understands her dream can never come true and making excuses to Chemomyrdin's family.

The newspaper commented, "If the country leaders may arouse such emotions even with one person, it means things are not that hopeless

Thousands homeless in Peru after quake kills 8

NAZCA, Peru (Reuter) - Tens of received help. thousands of people spent the night on luesday. Killing at least ei people and injuring more than $5\overline{0}0$. The hardest-hit towns were along

the Pacific coast, at Nazca, 460 km. south of the capital, Lima, where 300 were injured, and Ica, 160 km. further north, where another 200 were injured, officials said on yes-

Nazca experienced at least 200 aftershocks, including one late on Tuesday that measured 4.2 on the Richter scale, Luis Vilca of the Peruvian Geophysic Institute said. The US Geological Survey said the main quake registered 7.3 on the Richter scale.

The army and police flew tents, blankets and food to Nazca after the quake left 25,000 houses uninhabitable, Mayor Luz Torres Zegarra said. But most of the estimated population of 40,000, who

"We have not had any help at all. on the streets after their houses. There are 300 of us in this shantywere destroyed by a powerful town and nobody has eaten. Our . earthquake that hit southern Peru kids have not had lunch, dinner, or breakfast." said one man in Nazca.

Prime Minister Alberto Pandolfi, the leading minister in the country President Alberto Fujimori's nine-day official visit to Southeast Asia, said he was flying to affected mining zones, where miners may have been trapped by the quake. We want to know what is the actual situation in these min-

ing areas." he said. Fujimori told Peruvian radio from Japan he had given instructions for operations to concentrate on rescuing people trapped in mine tunnels and under collapsed build-

In Nazca, medical staff attended 100 mjured people, seven of whom were still in serious condition, said Fermin Caceres, director of the hospital. "The majority are women, children, and the elderly who could were left without light, water or not run away from the falling working telephone lines, had not walls," he said.

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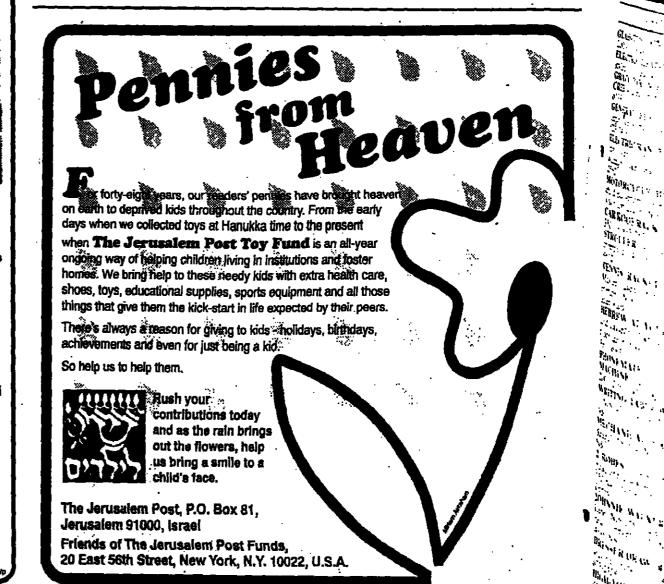


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The five symbols of Say 'aah' at the dentistry museum proper laundering

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ECENTLY, I received a letter from a puzzled consumer asking me to explain the symbols on garment labels which provide laundering instructions. In the letter there were five examples of such symbols. Each was totally familiar to me. None was one I could actually define. Even my attempts at applying a little common sense to decipher them proved fruitless.

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An iron with two horizontal dots in its center is a clear symbol of ... what? That the garment can be ironed? Should be ironed? May under no circumstances be ironed? A triangle with an X-mark through its center means ... what? The garment need not yield to oncom-

ing traffic? Luckily, the Ministry of Industry and Trade was happy to provide me with a color poster of these symbols, a bit reminiscent of the chart on which potential drivers are drilled before receiving a learner's permit. There are five categories of symbols on this poster: laundering, bleaching, ironing, drying and dry

• Laundering. The symbol is a green, square-bottomed bowl with wavy lines at the top to look like water, with a green line underneath, and the number 95 inside of the bowl. This means that the garment should/can be machine washed in boiling temperatures. The same symbol, in yellow without a line underneath, with the number 60 printed inside, means that the garment should/can be washed in hot water. The same symbol, again in yellow with the number 60 inside, but this time with a line underneath, means (are you ready for this?): That the garment can be washed in hot water, with "medium mechanical activity," a "gradual cooling rinse" prior to spin

(wring) cycle and a "limited spin." The same yellow symbol, no underline, with the number 40 inside, means: machine wash in warm water. The same yellow bowl with the number 40, this time with a line underneath (another tongue-twister), means machine wash in warm water, moderate cycle, gradual cooling rinse prior to spin, limited spin. A yellow bowl, no underline, with a hand outstretched to the right: hand wash. A red bowl, no underline, with an X-mark

through the center: do not wash! • Bleaching. The symbol: A green triangle with "C1" inside. This means that the fabric can be bleached with chlorine or any other bleach. The same symbol, in yellow, with an X-mark through the center: no chlorine bleach (other bleaches may be used). A red triangle with an X-mark through the center do not

 Ironing. The symbol: a green iron with three horizontal dots in the center: iron at high temperatures, 210° Celsius. A yellow iron with two dots: moderately (150°) hot iron. A yellow iron with a single dor iron at low temperature, 110°. A red from with an X-mark through the center: do not iron.

 Drying. The symbol: a green square (resembling a dryer), with a circle in which there are two horizontal black dots. This means regular drying in a dryer. The same square and circle in yellow with a single dot in the center means limited drying in a dryer. A yellow square, with a yellow circle at center, and a yellow Xmark: No drying in a dryer. A yellow square with a semi-circle resembling a clothesline: Hang to dry (after wringing). A yellow square with three vertical lines in the center means hang dry, no wringing A yellow square with a single horizontal line in the center. Dry by laying out flat (stretch to original size while

 Dry Cleaning. The symbol: A green circle. This means the garment should be dry cleaned. A red circle with an X-mark through it means that the garment should not be cleaned with any organic solvent.

I hadn't realized one needed a doctorate in geometry just to do the laundry. What I do realize is that any consumer complaint to a shop or a dry cleaner relating to textiles damaged after cleaning can be thrown out of the window if the consumer failed to follow any of the rules spelled out in these symbols.

Bezeq tidbit: Three (personal) cheers for the phone company. All orders for new lines, or transferring of lines, can be done by fax by dialing 198. I made two requests by fax, which were very quickly processed and everybody I spoke to was gracious and effi-

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HO said dentistry isn't colorful? Who said dentists aren't imaginative or tists aren't imaginative or funny?

Consider the saga of Painless Parker, a featured character at Baltimore's new National Museum of Dentistry. He was a restless young dentist who found Philadelphia too small for his ambitions, and went West.

Parker, a 1872 graduate of the Philadelphia Dental College, probably had a talent for dentistry. He certainly had one for self-promotion, not to mention a weakness for blithe exaggeration.

He was a one-man carnival who rode the trail in a big horse-drawn wagon and occasionally advertised his services on the wide side of an elephant. But he also knew how to defend himself against customers who naively took seriously the impossible promise suggested by his name.

He wasn't always Painless. He was born Edgar Parker, but had his name legally changed to clude lawsuits for false advertisement, which seemed to follow him like tumble-

He made \$3 million and retired to California.

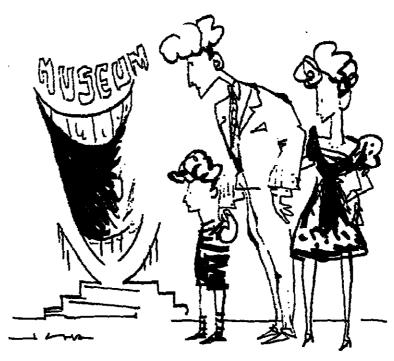
Other than people such as Painless Parker, and Zane Grey, who was also a dentist, maybe dentistry as a profession is a little monochromatic.

Maybe it is "oft-maligned," as suggested in the literature on the new dentistry museum, which recently opened in Baltimore, Maryland. Maybe it is boring.

Ben Z. Swanson, the dentist in charge of the museum, admitted that most of the humor of dentistry is not generated by dentists - which led him to express a concern that fellow practitioners visiting the place might "think we put dentistry in a bad light."

That was never the intention. The people at the University of Maryland Dental School concluded that levity would be the best way to bring in the 40,000 or more visitors

they anticipate each year.
"If we did it as a [serious] dental museum, dentists would enjoy it, but the public wouldn't come,"



A few dental facts

Dentures were first made in Japan, in 1500, from wood. The first users of

toothbrushes (fashioned of twigs and roots) were the Hindus, around 6,000

years ago. Dentists invented chewing gum (who else?), the golf tee (no doubt?) and cotton candy (wouldn't you know?).

St. Apollonia, the Egyptian maid who declined to renounce her

Christianity, had all her teeth yanked out - without anesthetic. She then

thwarted her executioners by killing herself. Apollonia is the patron saint of

ID you know that teeth first appeared on this earth in the hinge of mollusk shells? That was 420 million years ago, a long way from the

Swanson said. Nor would parents come here," Swanson said. bring their children, and it is children the museum is trying to reach, by giving them an inkling of the benefits that flow from a regimen of

good oral hygiene.

toothy excess of Liberace.

dentists. There is no patron saint of dental patients.

He's right. There are things to see

for everybody. George Washington's last real tooth is there, as are his four false dentures (except the one he was buried with). "Whatever people think of what a dental museum would be like, they are going to be surprised when they play, with their mother-of-pearl

handles and silver naturals fash ioned to look like miniature crown. appropriate instruments to penetrate the imperial mouth upon which the sun never set.

There are the world-famous Motor Molars, a chewing machine invented to test the strength and durability of materials used to restore teeth. Turn them on: They are hypnotic, like those windup

plastic leeth that go yakety-yak. There are movies to watch, like Teeth Feats, which show the strongjawed of both sexes doing extraordinary things with their teeth. Things like water-skiing, pulling locomotives, painting pictures, writing letters, hanging perilously from great heights.

There is the Tooth Jukebox. Push a button and view your favorite singing toothpaste commercial from days gone by: Like that supercilious

little kid who ran up to the camera shouting, "Look, Ma! No cavities". There is a grotesquerie, alway-appealing to children four fire masks with teeth aftered in ways different cultures found attractive. like sharpened to points, blackened, gold-studded and knocked out.

Also, Exotica: Consider the tongue scraper, a popular device in India and points East, and all the rage in England and France in the 18th century, but which never became popular in the United

Swanson, a dental historian as well as practitioner, who collected many of the artifacts on display in the museum, says he once wrote a paper on the use of tongue scrapers for the American Dental Association's journal. It prompted his wife to take up the use of the device.

Mrs. Swanson's still at it, every day brushing the papillae of the

Maybe she'll start a trend. There is more on show: A toothbrush collection, dental chairs through the years, tooth extractors and a selection of early dentures, some with springs on them, which must have made it difficult for the wearer to keep his or her mouth

(Los Angeles Times)

A velvet rainbow

T is difficult to decide whether the unevenness of the Hagara collection is deliberate, or whether designer Hagar Allembik

say she was looking for direction. But Allembik is no greenhorn. She is one of the country's top-caliber designers - a fact borne out by several of the garments on display. Nonetheless, one gets the feeling that she couldn't be bothered weeding out the less-successful items, which are totally out of harmony with the better nieces.

Velvet is the mainstay of the collection, relieved only occasionally by satin and chiffon. Borrowing from the nursery rhyme, one might say of Allembik's creative muse that when she's good, she's very, very good and when she's bad, she's horrid. But that may be a misjudgment. Perhaps Allembik is sufficiently savvy to know that the upmarket hippies of the Nineties, while happy to wear her label, are not into clan. The black, exquisitely shaped, sophisticated evening and lounge wear is not for them. That's what their mothers are buying. What they want is necklines are high enough and

GREER FAY CASHMAN

was insufficiently fastidious when color - lots of color - and putting it all together. Allegable is giving it to them in If she were a novice, one might rainbow and tone-on-tone cre-Allegabile is giving it to them in ations in smooth, sensuous velvets, crushed velvets, cut velvets and velvet lace.

The black-and-white frilled and peplumed concoctions are romantically demure, while those which are strictly black or a dark chocolate brown are stark and dramatic.

Allembik's color knows no limits - but perhaps she should have storped before she got to the iridescent mustard. Many of the tunics and dresses

every which way to suit the individual style of the wearer. Pregnant brides - even those in and detracted from the finesse. the ninth month - will have no trouble in finding a suitable Hagara gown, and women who are not in that condition, but don't want to be constricted by their

clothes, will also find plenty from which to choose. Orthodox women will find that

sleeves long enough to meet with the most stringent halachic requirements, while their secular sisters who want to reveal a little flesh will discover, several items which will afford their that oppor-

While some of the velvet offerings are absolutely gorgeous, others are garish. The color-wash effects which are quite intriguing in velvet, come across better in muted form on chiffon.

All the garments displayed at the benefit show which Hagara gave in aid of the Association for Victims of Sexual Assault were worn with matching or contrasttoned velvet mules specially created by Naot Shoes. Mules and other chunky footwear may be are characterized by cunning drape effects which can be moved highly fashionable, but they're not aesthetic. In this case they emphasized the flaws in the collection

> There's something very seduc-tive about velvet. It's a fabric that women - little girls too for that matter - like to wear, and if the applause at the end of the Hagara showing was indicative, we'll be experiencing the soft touch of velvet almost everywhere.



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SRAELIS shrug when they bear my plight. "Oh, it hap-

Lpens a lot," they smile. My plight is that I'm homeless. A veritable bag lady. A Wandering Jew. All because I

You'll be in by September 1."

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Christians coming to town, Plus, I

had the headache of a NIS 25,000

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was available, and anyway, with

my overdraft (and soon checks

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A circular stairway needs to be

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woman off the streets." He didn't

have to put it quite that way, but I

appreciated his concern.

ing of my New Year.

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new flat.

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Zaire's grim realities

T is hardly surprising the world community is reluctant to get dragged into military intervention in central Africa as shades of Somalia rise up to haunt it. Yet it is clear another human disaster is running its familiar course in Zaire, and Canada is to be commended for offering to lead international intervention to punch out safe pathways for aid and relief supplies into needy areas.

Nonetheless, it should be remembered that just as the deployment of the US military in Somalia turned into a disaster, so too the first Canadian deployment in Bosnia brought little success at a time when United Nations forces were dug into trenches protecting themselves. rather than performing any useful function for Bosnians.

The deteriorating situation in Zaire is complicated and potentially as dangerous as Bosnia was. The most obvious complication is that the Rwandan refugees in Zaire are not the most innocent of the world's wretched. Certainly, as always, it is mostly the women and children who suffer most. But among this mass of people who fled from Rwanda after the massacres there in 1994 are large numbers of the Hum killers and mass murderers of Rwanda's Tutsi.

The focus in Zaire is becoming more grimly apparent - a doctor there has warned that 25,000 refugees - the entire population of Bukavu - could be wiped out by cholera within days. France and Spain have criticized the United States for its laggardly response to the crisis and, while the American need to know more about the scope and aims of the operation are understandable, the critics do have a point.

Suspicion of the UN, plus the American ability to develop some paralyzing "syndrome" after every Vietnam or Somalia, seems to have drained the will of Washington to act decisively when such action is appropriate and to lead, rather than follow reluctantly.

Once the Security Council has fully authorized the multinational deployment, it seems the best solution is for Canada, France, and Spain to go ahead and deploy rapidly and at once, rather than wait for the US and Britain to stop ditherdefinitions, command structures, and exit see- only reality left is the final one for a million or

Life saving indeed is the priority, but Washington is right in one aspect of its cautious analysis - the only solution to this new African crisis is long-term political pacification. And that is its most depressing aspect. With the noteworthy exception of South Africa, this continent's ability to get itself into anything other than a mess remains in grave doubt.

Just as the Organization of African Unity once turned its two blind eyes on Idi Amin of Uganda and Emperor Bokassa of the Central African Republic, so for 30 years it has ignored the unspeakably corrupt dictatorship of President Sese Seko Mobutu while he plundered Zaire for his personal pleasure. As in the other cases, the OAU - which vies with the Non-aligned Movement for the title of most useless international organization - may now be reaping the whirlwind for its benign neglect of the rights and welfare of another nation-full of long-suffering Africans.

With the ailing dictator more or less out of the way in one of his European health centers, the Zairean rebels who have taken over the east with the aid of the Rwandan Army have declared their aim of liberating all the country from Mobutu's clutches. It is indeed a long shot with no guarantee the rebels would succeed or that they would be any better than Mobutu. Disintegration of the myth of yet another African state seems the most likely outcome.

The rebels are trying to persuade ordinary Zaireans and soldiers to flock to their ragged banner. The reluctant ones in the areas they have captured around Goma are herded into that well-known Third World center of learning the compulsory reeducation camp. It is not a promising start to a bright new dawn over Zaire, Rwanda, or Burundi.

Rwanda has balted its penetration of Zaire since it captured the useful buffer zone of the east, and says the rebels are now capable of going all the way to the capital themselves - if they can mobilize the people and prove they represent real change. It is on those two "ifs"

the scenario collapses into fantasy. The only reality on the ground is likely to be provided in ing. The object is to save tens of thousands of the form of food and medicine by the world lives, not to draw up reams of procedures, role community. It should get on with it, before the

more starving people.

THE MIDAS TOUCH

MK Yossi Sarid says King Midas

was rewarded with a touch that

turned everything to gold

(November 1) and that, by con-

trast, everything the Netanyahu

government touches turns into a

potato - a hot potato - including

the "gold" it inherited from the

The Midas touch was a curse, as

food became inedible gold, threat-

ening life. Lifting the curse

included grinding up all the gold

MK Sarid, a leading intellectual

of the prior government, commit-

ted a public-service Freudian slip:

inadvertently, he reveals his sup-

pressed realization that the prior

government's "golden touch"

which produced the Oslo agree-

ments was ultimately dangerous to

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and dumping it in the river.

prior government.

Sir. - Guest columnist Meretz

between him and the Mossad.

- - URI DAN **DENNIS EISENBERG**

demanded the technician's immediate release.

And Natan Sharansky, our normally-placid minister of industry and trade, complained bitterly that Israel could not do business with

Egypt while an innocent man was in jail (Sharansky knows better than most what it is like to lan-Egypt's arrest of

does justice to cheap spy fiction, where the Egyptians end up with egg on their faces

Azzam Azzam

guish in jail on a fabricated charge (he did 10 years in a Soviet prison. accused of being a CIA agent). It was no accident that the first

Because of President Chirac's denigration of Israel during his recent visit here and the angry reactions in Jerusalem it was thought that AFP would swallow the story of the Israeli spy hook, line and sinker - and that it would be given every credence in Paris.

It must be remembered that the Egyptian official press (there is no other) has been waging a bitter war of words against Israel for quite some time - it raged even during the Rabin-Peres governments. These verbal attacks descended to a frenzied personal level after Binyamin Netanyahu

since coming to power Netanyahu

has been trying to send spies to Egypt and to recruit Egyptians to work for Israel. As all intelligence services here know, there is no truth whatsoever to this claim.

Mubarak in particular has resented the way a number of Arab countries have been making contacts with Israel in the interests of creating economic ties, to the advantage of all concerned.

Cairo even signaled a message to Jerusalem that "We don't want any Israeli to attend the economic conference." The lame excuse was that Israel hadn't yet withdrawn from Hebron.

Unfazed by Mubarak's antagonism, Netanyahu responded that Egypt was "cutting off its nose to spite its face."

It took a personal visit from US Secretary of State Christopher to Cairo to point out to Mubarak that the state of the Egyptian economy was such that Egypt had more to gain from such a conference than Israel.

But the Egyptian ruler still resented the presence of Israelis. His framing of Azzam, intelligence sources stress, had several purposes.

One was to try and warn Egyptian companies off employing Israelis, no matter how skilled. Azzam's arrest was meant to sound a warning to other Arab countries that doing business with Israel could bring along with it the danger of "secret Mossad

Another Israeli, an antique dealer called David Ovitz, was held on phony espionage charges in 1992. Eventually premier Yitzhak Shamir made a decision, banged his fist on his desk and demanded that the innocent man be set free at once.

On his return to Israel the shaken Ovitz, seated on a Louis XIV chair in his Jaffa home, told this column: "I will never, ever set foot in Egypt again."

It is clearly a sentiment Azzam Azzam must be praying to be allowed to utter once he is back in the warmth and comfort of his village in Israel.

The writers are authors of The Mossad: Secrets of the Israeli Secret Service and other books on

finally got me behind the wheel - to Karmiel. Haifa and Beersheba.

And most of my friendships have been strengthened; but one

it would be occupied by family members over Succot, she arranged for me to stay with her good friend Marge. But to connect with someone from overseas who would be in Jerusalem only one day, I broke the four-day

As I packed to head for my next haven, Jenny bawled me out for overstaying my welcome. "You deprived Marge of her pri-

I had done everything I could. I had tried to show Marge appreciation by being scarce and reimbursing her generously for phone calls and electricity consumption. And what about my privacy? Worse - what about my self-

Several friends then invited me to stay as long as I needed but after Marge I stuck to my fourday rule. Finally I located a bedand-breakfast for two weeks; and now I've rented a room in an apartment. It's a no-strings busi-

After six weeks of feeling like a waif I've gotten in out of a storm. My situation hasn't become easy,

delays I'm beyond trauma. Couldn't I just visit my son in Idaho and forget all about it for a while?

I know there've been worse tribulations than mine. I've heard

shrug off my homelessness with a blithe "Sure, it happens ... "? Well, I've found it never happened to

The writer is a bereft



The spy that never was

THE Nile version of the bungled "sting" to frame Druze Israeli Azzam Azzam as a Mossad spy operating in Cairo was the personal invention of no less a figure than Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, according to Mideast intelligence sources.

Our information from those sources is that like all would-be masterminds who have read too many spy thrillers Mubarak and his intelligence chiefs made an

amateurish blunder. They failed to take account of the fact that ever since the signing of the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel it has been every Israeli government's firm policy that no Israeli operative would be sent to

Egypt.
Thus arresting an Israeli innocently in the country and claiming that be was there with evil Mossad intent would clearly be shown up as a fabrication.

It is true that in the past, when the two countries were still at war, both sent spies across their borders. Israeli spies caught in Egypt spent many years in Cairo prisons; some were executed. Egyptian spies have also been arrested in Israel.

Knowing how fragile the Israeli-Egypt peace was and how sensitive and suspicious the Egyptians were israel made a point of employing only electronic and other modern technological means to see what was going on along the Nile. And the Egyptians did the same vis-a-vis us.

All countries behave like this this day the II! and the Kremlin reciprocates accordingly.

Yet despite the knowledge that we had no spies in Egypt, the entire Israeli intelligence apparatus spent 24 frantic hours checking and rechecking "to make 1,000 percent certain there had been no bungle," as it was put to us.

And there had been none. Whatever it was Azzam had been doing in Cairo, there was no link

So outraged was even the naive David Levy, who has been so enamored with all things Egyptian since becoming foreign minister, that on realizing the trumped-up nature of the charges against Azzam, he angrily

Egyptian official comment on the arrest was made to France's Agence France Presse.

eight armed security operatives, bundled into a car and driven off to a prison cell? The answer has everything to do with the arrival in Egypt of hundreds of Arab delegates from all over the Middle East for the Cairo conference.

took power.
And now comes the second stigma: The Egyptians claim that

the Middle East.

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



Cadets at the Police Academy in Melbourne wear non-standard equipment: bulbous plastic red noses. Well, what do you expect on annual Red Nose Day?

POSTSCRIPTS I

A BLACK woman was named A BRITISH woman has married a Miss Italy after two judges at the pageant were dismissed for saying her skin color doesn't reflect true Italian beauty.

Denny Mendez garnered the most votes from a dozen judges and 9 million television viewers who gave their opinions over the phone. "I would like (the winner) to be the mirror of this eternal Italy and not the copy of another country, another culture," said one judge, fashion photographer Bob Kreiger.

Mendez moved from the Dominican Republic to Florence four years ago and has become an Italian citizen. I know I've caused a lot of debate here, but I just came here to Miss

Italy to be discovered," Mendez said.

man for the second time - for the second time.

Outdoing even Elizabeth Taylor, Edie Walker of Bridlington hooked up with Adrian Walker, 37, for the second time in three years, eight years after remarrying her fourth husband in her fifth

wedding. Edie and Adrian divorced last year after two years of marriage, but on Valentine's Day, Edie phoned Adrian and said, "Marry me again. I miss you."

Edie, 49, apparently believes in marriage: she's done it so often she needs a scorecard. She met husband number one 30. years ago when she was a 19year-old, working as a greeting

cards sorter. That lasted five years. Husband no. 2 lasted from 1972-1973. No. 3 was No. 2's uncle -

but that lasted just six weeks in 1981. The serial monogamist married No. 4 in 1985, which lasted until

1987. In 1988, she decided to make no. 4 no. 5, marrying him again - for all of two days.

When will it all end? The Bride of Bridlington says it has: with 20 friends in attendance at the registry office. Edie said that after seven weddings, five husbands and four name-changes, Adrian number six and seven - was it for

"This one is for ever," said Edie.

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My lawyer said, "The place is

yours. You can always get a bed

consider it. My car is overflowing with clothes, computer, printer, boxes of the papers I need to keep my life going, a giant empty Cheerios box I can't part with, Microsoft Word 3 discs and a manual I can't get rid of, tile samples, and lots

SOME positive things have existence. I've accepted longstanding invitations from friends in other parts of the country and broken a psycho-

logical barrier. Despite braving the Alps and the Rockies in snowstorms, I suffered intense timidity over driving in Israel. But desperation

Home sweet home... but not for me, yet

was frayed badly.
When Jenny, who had been quick to offer her couch, learned

rule.

respect and dignity?

ness arrangement.

but it's easier.

Still, with constant building

of families with many children stuck with an unfinished flat. At least all I need is one couch. Just one thing: Those who

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir, - I refer to Haim Shapiro's article of October 31 on the proposed bill to invalidate Reform and Conservative conversions performed in Israel. The bill is sickening. What has happened to the status-quo agreement reached by Ben-Gurion in 1948? In 1948, no one asked which Jewish stream

immigrants belonged to. I would

remind everyone that very very

few of the "fanatically religious"

SICKENING BILL

helped to create Israel. I came to Israel in May 1948 as a member of Mahal. (For those who do not remember, Mahalniks were overseas volunteers.) Before coming, I had campaigned in order to persuade experienced ex-WWII Jewish soldiers to come to infant Israel's aid. I didn't ask who was a member of which stream of Jewish thought - I considered that aspect completely irrelevant. Maybe others were more successful but I was most surprised and unhappy to find that I couldn't

enlist the support of a single hare-di lew, When I arrived, I also noted that a soldier wearing a kippa was a rarity.

LACK OF DISCIPLINE element in Israeli society which is the root of a great many of our

Most recently, this was exemplified by the unauthorized meetings of General Shahor with members of the epposition party. Whether the rule prohibiting such meetings is good or trad is irrelevant. It exists and one would expect a person of his standing to abide by the rule. If he thinks the rule is bad, he can work through channels to try to change it. How can he expect soldiers under his command to abide by regulations when he himself flaunts them? The prime minister would be well served by the

General Shahor be any different from the president of the smae? After all, he had contact with the PLO at a time when they were illegal and he was a member of the cabinet. And his punishment? Within a short period of time he was elected to the most honored post in the country.

Memorial, I pay my respects to the

Sir. - There is one underlying

But then again, why should Yossi Beilin's attitude on the failure of the PLO to amend its

When, at the Sha'ar Hagai

problems: the lack of discipline at all levels.

example furnished by president Truman in relieving General MacAribur of command. failure of the implementation of the Oslo accords?

> because he's above them. And so on, and so on.

DAVID REBAK Rishon Lezion.

enormous number of Mahal fallen.

I know that no one asked from

which stream of Judaism each of

Where is this proposed law

going to lead? In the United

Kingdom, where the Reform

movement is strong and much

more Orthodox than in the US,

there are four main streams of

Jewish thought. Over the years

there have been an enormous

number of conversions to each

sect and marriages between mem-

bers of each sect. In future, which

UK Jews will be considered good

enough to be eligible for immi-

dren of those already converted

here? The mind boggles at the

thought of the problems which the

The scope for internecine fight-

ing both here and abroad will be

enormous. The dwindling over-

seas Jewish community will dwin-

dle still further and the enmity cre-

bill will create for them.

What will be the status of chil-

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grant status?

covenant is another example. He asserts that such a change is irrelevant. But it is precisely this attitude of failing to enforce the provisions of agreements that is the cause of much consternation on the part of those who viewed the agreements with suspicion. Those who were not happy with the agreements but were willing to give them a chance on the basis that they would proceed one step at a time were quickly disillusioned. Instead of assuring that the PLO was complying with the obligations assumed by it, the Rabin/Peres government rushed on with the next step, ceding more and more to the PLO as though the latter had undertaken no obligations whatsoever. Is it any wonder under such circumstances that the world at large holds only Israel accountable for

Finally, we come down to the level of the simple citizen. Like General Shahor, he sees no reason to follow rules. He'll park on the sidewalk because it's convenient. He'll disregard rules of the road

MARCEL SHWERGOLD

ated within Israel itself will perhaps so weaken its moral fiber it will become an easy prey to its

SYMPATHIES Sir, - Greer Fay Cashman misrepresents the situation when she tells us that the main targets of TV satirists, the Hartzufim, are government figures "because they're the ones in the headlines" (Time Out, November 1). The truth of the matter is that the right wing, as against the left, is nearly always the target of TV satirists and humorists, whether they are in the government. attracting headlines, or the opposition - for the simple reason that Israel Television, to its shame, is very much biased in favor of the left side of the political spectrum. This being the case, the 56 percent of the Jewish population which voted for the right at the polls is left feeling hard done by. dissatisfied and discriminated

against where Israel TV is concerned. The true mark of a good satirist is one who pokes fun at the ridiculous, regardless of the political orientation of the subject, leaving the viewer totally in the dark as to where the satirist's political sym-

pathies lie. Not one can have the least doubt as to where the political allegiance of the satirists on Israel TV

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Einstein's extraordinary law of marriage

Private letters shown to the public for the first time this week provide fascinating new insights into the scientist's life, Tom Gross reports

LBERT Einstein, the 20th A century's greatest scienus, and would be president of Israel, was a harsh male chauvinist who wanted to control his wife's his theory of relativity, which was every move, according to letters written by the Nobel Prize winner which have been made public for the first time.

The letters, many of which were briefly on display in Jerusalem this week, at the Jewish National and University Library on the Givat Ram campus of the Hebrew University, reveal a surprising side of the man who has become a byword for genius.

In one letter, Einstein dictated a strict set of rules which his first wife, Mileva Maric, would have to abide by if they were to remain

The letter reads as follows: "A. You will see to it

1) that my clothes and linen are kept in order;

2) that I am served three regular meals a day in my room; 3) that my bedroom and study are always kept in good order and that my desk is not touched by anyone other than me.

B. You will renounce all personal relations with me, except those that are required to keep up social appearances. In particular, you will not request:

1) that I sit with you at home; 2) that I go out with you or trav-

C. You will promise explicitly to observe the following points: 1) You will expect no affection

from me and you will not reproach me for this; 2) You must answer me at once

when I speak to you; or study at once without protesting conclusion." when I ask you to go;

4) You will promise not to denigrate me in the eyes of my children, either by word or by deed."

THE letter is thought to date from April 1914, shortly after the Einsteins had moved to Berlin. Einstein, then aged 35, had taken up a post at the Prussian Academy of Sciences. At that time he was fully engaged in preparing his General Theory of Relativity, which he published just over a year later.

But Einstein's law of marriage didn't work. A few months after this letter was written, Mileva took the couple's two sons, Hans married. At the time of the birth, Albert and Eduard, back to he was in Bern while she was with Zurich, saying they were going on vacation. Instead it turned out to be the end of the marriage and the couple never lived together again. In fact, work hadn't been Einstein's only preoccupation at the time. He had, by then, already been conducting a secret love affair for two years with his first cousin Elsa Lowenthal, who moved in with him in 1917 and whom he married in 1919. (On April 23, 1918, Einstein wrote to Mileva, "I'm very eager to see which will take longer, the war or

our divorce.") These letters are part of a set of 430 letters and papers, whose existence was unknown until 1986, when they were found in a Los Angeles bank vault.

Together with an extremely valuable 53-page scientific manuscript written by Einstein in 1913 and setting out an work that led to also on public view for the first time, they were in Jerusalem for less than 48 hours. They have now been taken for show in Zurich and Berlin before going on to New York, where they will be anctioned by Christie's on November

Even before the release of these new letters, it was well-known that Einstein held the institution of marriage in low esteem. "Marriage must have been invented by an unimaginative pig," he

But he was also capable of displaying loving, romantic touches. In other letters on display this week, which were written some years earlier, he called Mileva "my dear little kitten," "my dearest little child" and "my dear

sweetheart." The relaxed, natural tone of these letters is in sharp contrast to the formality of Einstein's scientific letters. In 1900 he wrote to her: "When I am not with you I feel as if I am not whole... I miss you, my dear little 'right hand' ... I miss your two little arms and that glowing mouth full of tenderness

The letters confirm that Mileva, who was Serbian, and whom Einstein had met when he was her fellow physics student at Zurich Polytechnic, had greatly assisted him with his studies on relativity.

In 1901, he wrote "... I'll be so happy and proud when we live together and can bring our work 3) You must leave my bedroom on relative motion to a successful

> In 1912, only two years before the rule-laying letter, he was still telling Mileva he loved her. "I have to have someone to love, otherwise life is miserable. And this

But Einstein scholars have been disappointed that one of the great mysteries that has intrigued them for years remains unanswered by the release of these new letters: The fate of Einstein and Mileva's premarital love-child, Lieserl.

From the correspondence, it seems that Einstein never actually saw Lieserl, who was born in 1902, before he and Mileva were her parents in Serbia. On hearing the news that they had had a girl, he wrote to her. "Now you see that it really is a Lieserl just as you'd wished. Is she healthy and does she cry properly? What are her eyes like? Which one of us does she more resemble? Who is giving her milk? Is she hungry?

even know her vet!" But when Mileva returned to Switzerland a few months later. she came alone, and it seems that Lieserl had been given up for adoption. Einstein's last-known written reference to his first daughter is in another of the letters to Mileva on display this week, written to her when she was in Serbia, pregnant with their second

"I love her so much and don't



Albert Einstein with his first wife, Mileva, in Prague in 1911; By 1914, he was setting out conditions telling her what to do, shown here in draft on a paper that also includes calculations and doodles. Below: Mileva with their two sons, Eduard and Hans Albert in 1914.

"I'm not the least bit angry that poor Dollie [Mileva] is hatching a new chick... I'm very sorry about what has befallen Lieserl. It's so easy to suffer lasting effects from scarlet fever... As what is the child registered? We must take precautions that problems don't arise for

Einstein appears to have believed Lieserl had not died at that time. In the 1930s, when an impostor claimed to be his daughter, Einstein took the claim seriously and hired a private investigator to look into the mat-

THE LETTERS on display this week also show that at the same time the great physicist was being lauded for his new discoveries on relativity, his son, Hans Albert, then 11, was struggling to do his math homework.

"I am glad you like geometry." Einstein wrote in 1915, in a letter in reply to one his son had written him. "It was my favorite subject when I was a little older than you, perhaps about 12, but I had no one to show me anything so I had to learn it from books."

One letter from Hans Albert, written towards the end of the First cise, omitted by you, absolutely World War in December 1917, and correctly, in pencil below your letanswering some mathematical questions Einstein had set, had been intercepted by the censor. "The funniest part of your let-

ter," wrote Einstein in reply, "was a postscript which was not from you but was added by the censor. He gave the solution to my exer-

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Breaking up a genius's brain

scientist. He has become the Elvis The 430 letters constitute the Marez Oyens, visiting Israel this week. "We thought it was fitting dence, including letters written to

enormous worldwide interest. here because of Einstein's great "Einstein is the first real celebrity love of this country."

confirm the claim.

Presley and Marilyn Monroe of entire family archive in the posthe scientific world," said session of his first wife and two Christie's Book Department sons, and if possible Christie's aim International director Felix de to sell them as a single lot.

dence, including letters written to Einstein by Mileva and his children, is already at the Hebrew University, having been donated by Einstein, together with his literary rights. Einstein had long been a great supporter of the Hebrew University. accompanying Chaim Weizmann on one of the original fund-raising

EVEN MORE incredible than the revelation of the letters is the story of Einstein's brain. Following his Jersey. Last year, pop star Michael Jackson offered tours of the US in 1921. But in accordance with the terms of his estate, the letters already Over the years a number of people have come forheld here cannot be made public until 2006. "They include the ward claiming they are lost descendants of the great other half of the correspondence now to be auctioned," says Ze ev carry out a paternity test, using DNA from Einstein's Rosenkranz, the curator of the preserved brain, to check a claim by an American archives at the Hebrew University. woman that she was the daughter of the mysterious and the only man alive who is presently able to see them. 'It Lieserl. But the brain was too badly disintegrated to

would be fantastic if someone can

buy them for us. It would be like reuniting two halves of a telephone conversation."

De Marez Ovens echoed this wish, "I think it would be desirable for the world of scholarship if the two Einstein family archives were united. It would give an integrated idea of the daily life and emotions of the person who was perhaps the greatest scientist of all time," he said.

But fierce competition is expected at the New York auction and it is thought they may well end up at one of the many Einstein study centers in America, Switzerland, or most likely Germany, a possibility that Einstein's granddaughter Evelyn Einstein says she is unhappy about because of her grandfather's strong dislike of the country of his birth.

THE LETTERS, which are the property of the Einstein Family Correspondence Trust, are expected to fetch \$3 million when they are sold at auction in New York later this month. The aim is to raise funds for the benefit of the scientist's grandchildren and greal-grandchildren.

Correspondence Einstein and other scientists has previously been sold at auction, but this is the first time any private family letters have been put up for sale. The sale is the result of a family feud dating back to last year when Evelyn tried to remove her nephew, Dr Thomas Einstein, a 41-year-old Los Angeles-based anesthesiologist, from a trust overseeing the letters. Family members need to know their worth prior to a court case due to be heard in December.

Over the years Evelyn, 55, has held an incredibly diverse range of jobs - from working as an aircraft mechanic to serving as a police officer in Berkeley, California. Now she says she needs to raise money for medical expenses to treat cancer and undergo a liver transplant, and is alleging other trustees breached their duties in a \$5 million legal suit.

Are you in

'standards' for the right woman may actually

cremated, the brain was removed by Thomas Harvey,

a pathologist at Princeton. Harvey had planned to use it for medical research, in an effort to discover what

special features constitute the brain of a genius. But

instead it was kept for years in a jar in the basement

of Harvey's house before he eventually sent pieces of

His eyeballs, however, were given to Einstein's

ophthalmologist Dr. Henry Abrams, who until this

it around the world to medical researchers.



EAR Ruthie. I want to find a woman with whom to settle down and have a family. The problem is that I can't even find one with whom to spend

more than one evening without being bored or irritated. Looks are also very important to me. Most of the women I meet, frankly, just aren't up to my standards. Don Juan in Doldrums

Somewhere in Israel.

Dear Down Donny, Perhaps you are looking at this whole issue backwards. What you refer to as your "standards," may be none other than a deep-seated fear of finding a woman. In order to "settle down and bave a family," obviously you first have to be able to sit through an evening. By getting nonplussed every time you are out with a woman, you have created the perfect safety valve to avoid progressing on the road to

Where looks are concerned, here too you may be playing a trick on yourself. It is the easiest thing in the world to focus on the physical imperfections of the opposite sex when the opposite sex presents a problem by representing a threat.

But it is just as easy to get past such imperfections, when genuine attrac-tion is electrifying the atmosphere. What you must ask yourself honestly is whether you really want to

get married. You might also consider therapy. Until you settle this question internally, you will con-tinue to be disappointed by the women you meet. And if you do manage to settle it, you may discover a sea of attractive, interesting women out there whom you bave never noticed before.

death in 1955, and just before Einstein's body was \$7 million to buy the eyes.

Dear Ruthie.

A gay couple has moved into our building, and my seven-year-old keeps inquiring about them. The main thing that seems to trouble him is why two adults are not married vet (and have no children), and why, if they're not married, do they live together, rather than alone? How should I deal with these questions? Perturbed Parent

Dear Perturbed,

endless questions are par for his age. And these particular inquiries are no different from any other he might raise about life in general, or about sex in particular. As such, they should be dealt with accord-

. In one case, in 1993, an attempt was even made to

ingly.
Curiosity in children should always be at least accepted, if not encouraged, by their parents. This does not mean that answers to their questions should be given lightly. It just means that answers should be tailored to their age whatever that age may be. If your child were a teenager inquiring about the gay couple in the build-

ing, your answer would be quite different. In this case, each question should be answered as simply and directly as possible, without going into details which your seven-year-old is neither ready for nor needs to hear.

If you are uncertain as to what level of explanation is called for. you can use your child as a "guide." Do a little asking of your own, to find out why he is so curious about this particular couple.

Letters should be addressed to: 'Dear Ruthie,' POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem. For E-mail: editors@jpost.co.il

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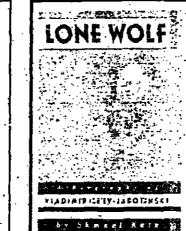
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Deputy Government Printer Chairman of the Acquisition Committee

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Thursday, November 14, 1996

Skoda seeks large-scale Israeli investment

DAVID HARRIS

CAIRO

CZECH corporation Skoda is The company's Middle East looking to invest hundreds of millions of dollars in the Middle sales manager Jiri Janicek visited Israel three weeks ago to East, with Israel high on the list search for strategic partners. "The first country here was Egypt. Since 1994, we have of preferred countries.

The company is also keen to help the Israel Electric generated \$60 million of busi-Corporation and any other govness." Janicek said. emment company with privati-"We hope this will continue in

Skoda executive vice presi-

Tender no. 11/96

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other countries. Israel can be one of them." The 130-year-old company, privatized in 1993, now deals in heavy engineering, infrastructure projects and large trans-

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2. The participation in the tender is only for offerers with proven experience in supplying service and maintenance in Israel, for at least 3 years, and which have had a qualified technical team that operated regularly in Israel in supplying service and maintenance for the manufacturer of the machine offered, for a period of no less than 3 years.

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sold to Volkswagen in the postprivatization shake-up. Skoda is perceived as being the jewel in the crown of the

Czech Republic's privatization program, in which 81 percent of state-owned companies were sold over the last five years. The Czechs introduced the idea of share option vouchers giving all citizens the right to become

Among other possible projects

in the Middle East, Skoda is to provide all project facilities interested in power generation, distribution and transformation.

"Israel is among those countries we view as a potential business partner for the next few years," Kotek said.

"We've aiready started to look

for partners in the fields of antomobiles, energy and power engineering equipment."
The company is also looking to construct new electricity grid

networks throughout the region. Israel's urban transport schemes are also of interest to Skoda. They would be prepared and equipment, including locomotives, wagons, trolley buses and buses.

Funding would be provided by Czech organizations and local

"We are open to new partner-ships and new markets," Kotek said. "These will create for us not only the opportunity to export our products and knowhow, but also offer our partners transfer of this know-how, creation of jobs and their incorporation in our worldwide commercial network."

Leviev expects a property recovery as boost for Africa-Israel

LEV Leviev, who has invested \$189 million in Africa Israel Investments. said yesterday he based his decision to purchase the controlling share in the holding company on expectations that the real estate market will recover in the near future from its current slowdown.

Leviev, 40, who is considered one of the largest diamond merchants in the world, gained control of Africa Israel, a sprawling real estate, tourism and industrial company, from Bank Leumi at the start of the

The purchase of a block of shares representing about 46.58% of Africa Israel's share capital marks Leviev's first major entrance into the real

estate market in Israel. "If I did not believe in the economy and especially in the real estate sector in Israel, I would not have entered Africa Israel. Maybe as some people expect there will be a recession in the economy, or a slowdown, but I am optimistic," he said.

The new owner blames the slowdown in the real estate sector on the Bank of Israel's policy to limit credit to the sector in an attempt to reduce the banking sector's expo-sure to credit risks. The recession in the real estate sector is not a real recession. It is due to the Bank of Israel's pressure on the market in terms of credit financing, a policy which is likely to spread and hinder other sectors," said Leviev.

Leviev is optimistic that real estate prices will resume their upward trend. In the housing market, he believes continued immigration in addition to natural population growth and existing demand will keep prices stable. In the short run, he said, prices may remain at the same level but in the future they will

The new owner is also optimistic that investment in commercial property will reap gains.

There are many offices available on the market like the Shalom Center for example, but I am confident they will all be absorbed," said

The only field which Leviev sees as possibly problematic is construc-tion of buildings for light industries. "There is too much building in this field," he said.

Commenting on the peace process, Leviev expressed optimism that there would be peace in the will undoubtedly help the economy. Today, we can feel a slowdown in the tourism sector resulting from the political situation. Hotel occu-

pancy is relatively low, especially compared with last year," said The new owner said the local in the high-tech industry, where Israel has a relative advantage com-

economy should continue to invest pared with other countries. While he has not yet decided on a business plan for Africa Israel, Leviev intends to examine the company's future entrance into the high-tech field.

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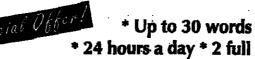
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An agreement for scientific cooperation between the State of New Jersey and the Science Ministry was signed last night in Jerusalem by New Jersey Governor Christie Whitman and Science Minister Ze'ev Binyamin Begin. New Jersey is one of the 10 leading states in this field and has many major research institutes, including those at Princeton and Rutgers Universities, Bell Labs and the New Jersey Institute of Technology. Ministry officials said they expect the agreement would constitute a "major breakthrough" in scientific links between high-tech industries and research institutes in Israel and those in the US state.

Bezeq has chosen the Nikuv company to establish a new computerized financial system for the company. Nikuv, which was the main supplier chosen in a tender, integrated the Formula company in the project's management. The winning proposal is based on the software package Tafnit 2010, based on client/server technology. At present, Bezeq has over 2,000 personal computers, plus 3,000 terminals and hundreds of printers at 350 company offices around the country. The new matters will be a central offices around the country. The new system will be a central management tool enabling Bezeq to control and supervise its finances and logistics, director-general Yitzhak Kaul said.

Tough race over who will be Easdaq's 1st float

BRUSSELS (Reuter) - Three firms from Britain, France and Belgium are racing to be the first to float on Europe's new growth stocks market, Easdaq, the exchange said yes-

Easdag spokesman Chris Pickles confirmed the identity of two candidates named in Britain's Financial Times newspaper yesterday as Dr. Solomon's Group, a UK-based antivirus software developer, and ActivCard, a French smartcard maker.

The third is Innogenetics NV, a biotechnology firm, which on Tuesday launched an initial public offering of 6,658,050 shares, or 32 percent of its share capital, at between \$10 and \$12 each.

Innogenetics's issue runs until November 25 and the company plans to quote its shares on November 28, though Easdaq officials have said another IPO might be possible before then.

"It sounds like there's a race on between the three of them to come on the market first. All three have been approved by Easdaq for trading, though it is up to the issuer to decide exactly when they want to go public," Pickles said.

The pan-European exchange, which is modelled on New York's Nasdaq, became technically operational on September 30 and its rules were published in late October.

It expects to see between 12 and 15 stocks listed by year-end, and to build up to 50 in 12 months. These would include some of the 80 or so European companies already listed on Nasdaq, which are seeking a dual listing.

Belgian-based software firm Artwork Systems plans an IPO later. Belgian Kredietbank unit KB-Securities is lead managing the Innogenetics and Artwork Systems flotations.

To be admitted, firms must be supported by at least two Easdaqregistered market makers and have total assets of 3.5 million Ecus and capital and reserves of 2m. Ecus. So far 36 financial institutions

have applied for membership as Easdaq dealers, market makers or sponsors.

The Easdaq project originated from contacts between the European Venture Capital Association, the European Commission and various market

Elron Electronics net up 4% in 3rd quarter

JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

ELRON Electronic Industries Ltd. (Nasdaq: ELRNF) yesterday announced a 4 percent increase in net income to \$2.5 million, com-

pared with \$2.4m. in the same quarter last year.

Third-quarter revenues for the Haifa-based multivational holding company were up 12% from \$303m. last year to \$340m. this year. Elron's affiliates are engaged in the fields of medical diagnostic imaging, advanced defense electronics, communication, semiconductors, networking services and Internet software.

ORCKIT COMMUNICATIONS LTD. yesterday reported a 17% increase in net losses from \$631,000 in last year's third quarter to

Revenues were up 97% to \$2.8m., compared to \$1.4m. for the same period in 1995. Orckit (Nasdaq: ORCTF), a maker of high-speed local loop communications systems that went public in late September, was the first Israeli company whose Wall Street-based initial public offering

was delayed due to greater-than-expected demand. New Jersey-based INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGY (American Stock Exchange: ITH) yesterday announced an increase in third-quarter net losses from \$284,298 last year to \$839,581 this year. Revenue for the third quarter was up 118%, totalling \$426,000.

compared to \$195,000 in the corresponding period one year ago.
Integrated Technology operates two Jerusalem-based subsidiaries, ITI Innovative Technology and Compuprint. The companies design, develop and market products for the Internet telephone and computer and telephone integration markets.

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TASE shares rose yesterday as investors were optimistic that Israel and Palestinians would conclude the Hebron redeployment agreement.

The Hebron agreement is more important to investors right now than even Friday's consumer price report, which would pro-vide clues to interest rate policy, said Keith Phillips, analyst at the Israeli desk of Societe Generale Strauss Turnbull in London.

"Rates are important but they are known," he said, nothing that the CPI is estimated to have risen around 1 percent for October. An agreement on an

Maof Index

the Two-Sided index's shares added 0.81% to 194.05.

Across the exchange, NIS 51.2 million of shares traded, equivalent to the average daily trading for the month. More than three issues rose for every two that

Teva Industries Ltd. was the most active issue, rising 1.75% and trading NIS 3.6 million of shares. Teva shares account for nearly 10% of the value of the

Maof index. Teva received approval from the Health Ministry to market copaxone, its treatment for mul-

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Pope, UN call for action on Zaire

ROME (Renter) - Pope John in eastern Zaire.

"At the very moment this summit is taking place, over a million starving, frightened refugees are wandering helpless in the mountains and forests of eastern Zaire," Boutros-Ghali declared Council approval, urged other in a speech at the start of the gathering. He told delegates to the five-

day summit organised by the Rome-based UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) that only with a "collective, concerted" effort could the tragedy of the Great Lakes region of Africa be resolved.

The crisis was not on the official agenda but the immediate tragedy clearly weighed on the gathering, which opened with leaders adopting an ambitious plan to feed more than 400 million additional mouths by the year 2015.

FAO director general Jacques Diouf said that by approving the declaration in advance, delegates had the opportunity "for the first time in the history of United Nations summits" to focus on actions rather than words.

But Diouf, who is from Senegal, urged leaders to make sure they lived up to the commitments they made in the documents.

"These so commendable-...decisions risk turning sour if, when taking stock in a few years time, we see that hopes have been dashed, unless measures are taken here and now to mould these decisions into national projects and programmes," he said.

The Pope, who also addressed the summit, later said that "no uncertainty, no excuse, no calculation" could justify any further delay in getting aid to the refugees caught by fighting in eastern Zaire.

The United States, whose logistical support in any international intervention would be vital, assured the summit that it was ready to provide aid and support.

"The conscience of the world is confronted with a vast humanitarian crisis in the Great Lakes region of Africa," U.S. Agriculsaid in a speech.

"The United States has already Paul and UN chief Boutros Bou- provided a major share of the tros-Ghali opened a World Food humanitarian assistance to this Summit yesterday with pleas for a region, and is prepared to proglobal effort to help more than a vide additional humanitarian asmillion refugees starving to death sistance and support as soon as mechanisms can be established which will permit the flow of as-

Canada, which has agreed to command a multinational force that is still awaiting U.N. Security nations to join it.

The summit, at FAO's Fascistera Rome headquarters, is set to receive more than 80 heads of state and government.

The security arrangements were called into question when three women stripped naked and hijacked Glickman's news conference in a protest against genetically engineered soybeans.

A Italian woman in her 20s, who identified herself as Olivia before being escorted away by police, said: "We're not part of any organisation. We're protesting against the genetic engineer-ing of soybeans."

It was the only moment of light relief in proceedings otherwise dominated by war and suffering. Boutros Ghali said that hunger

and famine had become "weapons of war to be used to kill and kill again.'' "It is this terrible reality which

we must keep in mind to understand how and why we have to "From this platform, in this

Eternal City, I make a solemn appeal to peoples and to states to take part, all of them, in the collective action we will undertake," he said. Veteran Cuban communist

leader Fidel Castro, expected to arrive tomorrow according to diplomatic sources, was given a prominent role as one of six summit vice-chairmen.

The Pope, who is likely to meet Castro if he comes to Rome, challenged heads of state and delegates to make every effort to 'eliminate the spectre of hunger".

He said in an opening speech that it was unacceptable that some people starved while others "lived in opulence".

"This contrast between poverty and wealth is intolerable for ture Secretary Dan Glickman humanity," the Pontiff told delegates.

Hentgen beats Maccabi seeking to get back on Euro track

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LONDON (Reuter) - Premier

League club Chelsea said yester-

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The announcement helps to remove doubts about the club's

financial position following the

death of millionaire vice-chairman

Matthew Harding in a helicopter

"As I speak, there are several big

hitters who want to invest in

Chelsea," chairman Ken Bates told

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the Evening Standard newspaper. "I have them lined up for the 30. million needed for the West Stand, the sports and leisure center and the office block. It is business as usual, as the signing of with Bates. (Gianfranco) Zola for £4.5 million

this week has demonstrated." Italian international Zola, who moved from Parma, joins an increasingly cosmopolitan squad managed by Dutchman Rund

Fellow Italians Gianluca Vialli Evening Standard.

£30 million investment and Roberto Di Matteo plus Frenchman Franck Leboeuf have been signed by Gullit as Chelsea seek its first major trophy since

> Harding, a passionate Chelsea supporter, bought the Stamford Bridge stadium last year and had built a stake of some 25 percent in

He was among five people killed when a helicopter en route to London from a League Cup match at Bolton came down in northwest England three weeks ago. There were fears that his death would hit the club's plans both on and off the pitch.

These grew last week when director Peter Middleton, who works for US investment firm Salomon Brothers and is a respected figure in the City of London; quit the club after a reported row

clashes with Harding, said he was confident Chelsea would continue to develop. "I want to see a world-class

team in a world-class stadium. I think I will as well," he told the

Whelan retired as player

LONDON (Reuter) - Former Liverpool and Ireland midfielder Ronnie Whelan, now the manager of English First Division side Southend, has been forced to give up playing because of a serious

Whelan has conceded his days as a player are over after failing to recover full fitness despite several operations. "I am okay when it comes to normal training but experience problems when I try to twist and turn," he said yesterday.

CSKA Moscow. The two are, after all, experts on R-E-S-P-E-C-T, which is what Maccabi will be seeking in tonight's very important match-up vs. the Russians (Channel 1, 6:55 pm)

The good news for Maccabi is that Oded Katash is red hot, having scored 33 against Rishon Lezion Monday night in Maccabi's 86-84 victory. The bad news is that big man Randy White looked as lost in that game as he has in most of Maccabi's Euro League games this season, which doesn't augur well for Scherf's club against the big

Tonight's game is expected to go a long way towards determining who eventually finishes among the top three in Maccabi's Group

MACCABI Tel Aviv coach Zvi Scherf ought to invite soul singer ier opponents in the next round of Play. CSKA is also coming off a superb 96-66 triumph last week tonight's Euro League contest vs. play. CSKA is also coming off a coach Stanislav Yeremin's club should be in top form for tonight's

Maccabi, unfortunately, isn't.

Not only has White seemed lost on the court lately, so has point guard Doron Sheffer. Nadav Henefeld has been inconsistent, and had an especially bad game last week vs. Limoges, where the entire team never seemed to get into the action. True, Maccabi showed some grit in beating Rishon, but they can't rely on the talented Katash coming up with a big game every night.

What to do about White? Maccabi should stay with him and try to go to him on offense as early as possible. White's confidence is waning, and a few early baskets should work wonders. He should

be happy to see the CSKA jerseys - he scored 29 against them at Yad Eliahu in arguably his best game of the season. Buck Johnson has played well of late, and should use nis smooth moves to score against CSKA, while Scherf showed he has increasing confidence in Constantin Popa by starting the giant center vs. Rishon Monday

As for the club's inconsistent backcourt, Scherf should find as much playing time as possible for Brad Leaf, who poses additional trouble for defenders with his ability to go to the basket, something Sheffer has been reluctant to do. An appearance by Burko Radovitch - buried on the bench of late - is also warranted, since

he's a fine defender, and like Leaf doesn't mind bulling his way to the hoop to draw fouls. Most importantly, Scherf must

of CSKA at Yad Eliahu, when Igor Koudelin's three-pointer beat Maccabi at the buzzer, 78-77. That means blanketing Koudelin anytime he gets the ball beyond the arc, and perhaps having Henefeld - Maccabi's best defender - on him in a box-and-one zone

The CSKA club Maccabi faces tonight is not quite the same team they played then. For one, foreigner Marcus Webb has improved his play tremendously, but White should be able to use his athleticism to get around the slower

Yeremin says he plans to use veteran Andrei Spiridonov against Maccabi instead of 2.14m. center Igor Korashov in a bid to slow down Maccabi's run-

do everything possible to prevent another heartbreaking loss like the one Maccabi suffered at the hands of CSVA as V-1200 at Daineko, who scored 15 at Yad Eliahu, The 5,000 fans expected aren't likely to make the task any easier for Maccabi.

In the end, it comes down to that R word again, respect. It's time for Maccabi to put up or shut up vis a vis its European season. It's time for Sheffer to earn some respect by showing he can be a leading Euro League point guard, for White to get opponents to once again fear him inside, and for Maccabi to stop talking about potential, and start playing like

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Lakers deal Rockets first loss of season

HOUSTON - Shaquille O'Neal had 34 points and 15 rebounds and Nick Van Exel got eight of his 29 points in double overtime with a 3.87 ERA, got 11 firsts, 16 \$50,000 bonus for winning the as the Los Angeles Lakers dealt the Houston Rockets their first loss of the season, 126-115 on

Despite playing without O'Neal, who fouled out with 17 seconds left in the fourth quarter. Los Angeles outscored Houston 13-2 in the second overtime. Cedric Ceballos had 22 points and 10 rebounds and Eddie Jones added 18 points although he fouled out with 9:46 left in the fourth.

"I felt we played very well,"
O'Neal said. "We took the Rockets into two overtimes even after two starters fouled out. The win brings us closer together as a team. If everyone can play their role like tonight than we can win

on any given night."
Charles Barkley scored 33 points and Hakeem Olajuwon added 31 for Houston (6-1), which was the last undefeated team in the Western Conference. The defending champion Chicago Bulls are now the NBA's only undefeated

"We played as well as we could but that's basketball," said Barkley after the battle of Western Conference powers. "I didn't expect us to go 82-0. This will be a battle all year with these guys. Utah, Seattle and the Lakers, every time we play those teams we have to be ready to

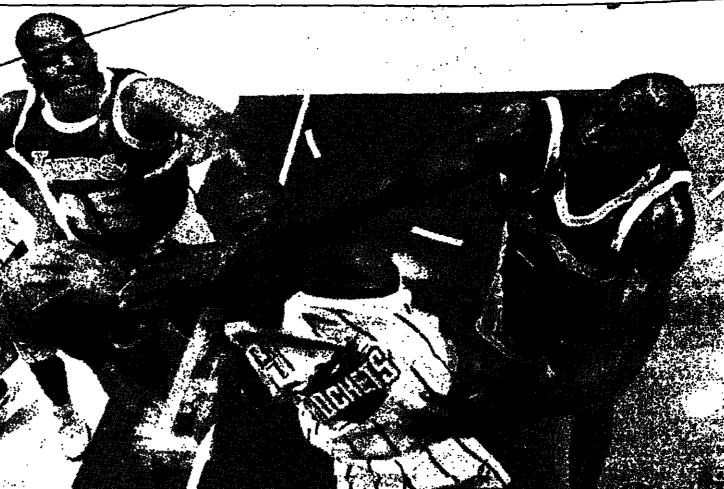
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Bates, who had a series of public clashes with Harding, said he was

Olajuwon, who scored eight of Houston's 13 points in the first overtime. "LA played a wonderful game down the stretch. We missed some wide open shots at the end that we have to make. We found the open man but didn't make the

> 76ers 101, Knicks 97 Allen Iverson scored 25 of his 35 points in the second half and made a key steal in the final minute as Philadelphia got its first win at Madison Square Garden in

nearly three years. The quicksilver Iverson, top pick in last June's draft, fouled out both New York point guards in the



ABORTED TAKE OFF – Los Angeles's Shaquille O'Neal blocks Houston's Charles Barkley.

fourth quarter, when he scored 10 points and corraled two crucial

"Now what I'm trying to do is win. Whatever the team needs me to do, whatever the coaches want me to do, that's what I try to do. I don't try to go out there and impress.

Jerry Stackhouse added 28 points for Philadelphia.

Larry Johnson led New York with 28 but had two of the three missed three-pointers that could have tied the game in the closing seconds. Patrick Ewing had 26 points and 15 rebounds for the Knicks, 4-0 on the road but 1-2 at

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"Andy (Dave Andreychuk) kind of flipped the puck off the TUESDAY'S RESULTS: Pittsburgh 3, Buffalo 0 New Jersey 3, Washington 2 (OT) Hartford 4, San Jose 3

should be on this level," he said. lead visiting Los Angeles over the high 30 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for the Grizzlies (0-7).

Stanley Roberts also scored 15 for the Clippers, who posted consecutive wins for the first time this season. Los Angeles trailed the entire game until Richardson TUESDAY'S RESULTS:

Beersheba beats Mac. Haifa in Toto Cup action

HAPOEL Beersheba registered a victory against the formbook yes terday when it beat Maccabi Haifa 2-1 in the last outstanding Toto Cup fifth round fixture.

The match, hosted by Haifa in Netanya, was a defensive disaster on its part as with less than a minute gone, Beersheba took the lead when Arik Bennado made a dreadful backpass to Bonnie Ginsburg in the Haifa goal.

Sharon Avitan pounced on the ball and slotted it home. The rest of the first half was a dull affair, and Haifa managed to equalize only after 70 minutes'

in the Beersheba goal.

Haifa's reprieve was a brief one, as another defensive blunder allowed Oren Sagron to strike the winner two minutes later. In other news the on-again, off-

again move by Reuven Atar from Hapoel to Maccabi Haifa appears to be on once and for all after Maccabi boss Ya'akov Shahar made an improved financial offer to Hapoel's Rubie Shapira in London on Tuesday night. Earlier,

play, when Amir Turjeman struck
a low, hard shot past Shaul Smadja
after failing to receive an adequate fee for the loan of the player until the end of the season.

It is not clear whether Atar will be available for this weekend's big match between Maccabi Haifa and Maccabi Tel Aviv, as Shahar's signature on the transfer form was faxed in from London IFA officials said he had to sign it in their presence for the transfer to be competed in time. The matter is under discussion by legal advisers

He added: "We better solve it

It's certainly something that will

The five-game winning streak

is New Jersey's longest since

opening the 1993-94 season with

Denis Pederson and Brian

Rolston gave the Devils a 2-0

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Washington.

Hartford on Saturday.

Yehoshua Feigenbaum has taken over the coach's job at Maccabi Herzliya and yesterday held his first practice session. Herzliya will be looking to

Feigenbaum, an inspirational coach who has reversed ailing clubs' fortunes before, to lift the team from its terrible plight, with only a solitary point to its name at the bottom of the National League

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Devils down Caps for fifth straight win Nikolishin's goal snapped EAST RUTHERFORD (Reuter) beat this team."

Scott Niedermayer scored off a 2-on-1 at 3:04 of overtime to give the New Jersey Devils their fifth straight win, 3-2 over the Washington Capitals on Tuesday. On the winning play, John MacLean - who was denied a breakaway chance moments earlier when he was tripped by defenseman Brendan Witt -

broke down the left wing. He slid a pass across to the right faceoff circle to Niedermayer, who one-timed a low wrist shot that beat goaltender Jim Carey low to the glove side.

"I saw they had only one guy back with John," said Niedermayer. "I knew where the net was and John made a great pass. I had a lot of net to shoot for and I wasn't thinking about any-thing but putting the shot on net." Both of Niedermayer's goals this season have been game-winboards," MacLean said. "I went down to get it and saw Niedermayer was flying. I just soon because we have them twice got the puck to him in time and in the next seven or eight games.

his speed made the play." Martin Brodeur made only 18 saves, but raised his career mark against Washington to 11-0-1. The Devils have won seven straight against the Capitals and are unbeaten in their last 10 versus Washington (9-0-1).

"Definitely the biggest difference in the game is that we were trying to hang on for a tie and they were trying to win it," said Capitals coach Jim Schoenfeld. "It comes down to believing. I don't think we believe we can

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Brodeur's personal shutout streak at 189 minutes, 58 seconds. "I knew the streak was going on. When a streak gets snapped, that usually happens," said Brodeur, referring to the Caps' two quick goals. "I just wanted to keep the streak going. It's fun to be a part of. I wanted to extend

my record, but I'd rather have the Penguins 3, Sabres 0 Jaromir Jagr scored a pair of third-period goals and added an assist and Ken Wregget made 25 saves for his seventh career shutout as the Penguins continued their home dominance of the

Buffalo Sabres. Pittsburgh is 8-1-1 in its last 10 home games against Buffalo, which was shut out for a leagueleading fifth time this season.

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL - Cup Winners Cup: Real Madrid 77, Hapoel Galil Elyon, 70.

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CRITIC'S CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AIZENSTADT

SATURDAY is your last and final opportunity to enjoy extraordinary British cellist Robert Cohen performing the Schumann cello concerto with the Israel Sinfonietta Beersheba under Emii Tabakov, who also leads the orchestra in Beethoven's first symphony and Prokofiev's first symphony.

DORON Solomon leads his Kibbutz Chamber Orchestra in Beethoven's sixth symphony, the Vivaldi four-violin concerto, with orchestra violinists playing the solo parts, and Mozart's rarelyperformed ninth piano concerto with Michal Tal as soloist. Saturday in Givat Brenner.

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THE exciting piano-music series in Ashdod opens Saturday (8:30) with three young pianists performing works by Scarlatti, Beethoven, Franck, Liszt and Chopin. Anna Keiserman, Asaf Feir and Dror Birn are all students of Arie Vardi and all won the America Israel Cultural Foundation 1996 competition.

GUITAR FESTIVAL

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

ARGENTINIAN guitarist Pablo Cohen performs an ethnic/classic program tonight (7) as part of the 13th International Guitar Festival. The festival's major attraction, Fiesta Flamenco '96, which features flamenco singing, playing and dancing alike, can be seen tonight (9), Saturday (7 and 9) and Sunday (9), all at Tzavia in Tel Aviv.

ENGLISH THEATER

HELEN KAYE

THIS weekend Tel Avivians will get a chance to see two local productions from Jerusalem's Habama Theater. Tapeman by Joseph Sprinzak is a dialogue for actor and tape deck and includes works by e.e. cummings . Samuel Beckett and others.

Bass player Jean Claude Jones joins in for the second part of the show called maggie, and milly and molly and may.

Tomorrow at 3 p.m., Mr. Mrs. Forsyte is Sharon Ben-Ezer's one-woman show with puppets, about a British homosexual debating with himself whether or not to come out of the closet. Tomorrow at 10 p.m. Saturday at 9 p.m. All shows are at ZOA House.



Pablo Cohen brings music from Argentina

THERE is plenty of jazz and blues to enjoy over the next few days. The Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center presents a two-day blues celebration tonight and tomorrow (11) on its intimate side stage in which Roni Peterson and his ensemble host the likes of Ehud Banai, Dani Litani, Meir Ariel, Micha Shitrit and others. Saturday (9:30) at the Enav Centre in Tel Aviv, Jazz Zeppelin host Yoni Rechter in a homage to the music of Led Zeppelin.

**1/2 MULHOLLAND FALLS — Based loosely on the exploits of the "Hat Squad," an actual Los Angeles elite police force from the 1950s, this is a self-consciously stylish crime drama whose characters seem to have been conceived, literally, costumes first. It's a frustrating movie in that, though it seems poised throughout to bloom into something a good deal sharper, breezier and wiser, it never happens. Starring Nick Nolte, Chazz Palminteri, John Malkovich, Melanie Griffith, Michael Madsen and Sean Penn. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles.

to the guitar festival. JAZZ MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

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6:31 News in Arabic 6:45 Exercise Hour-7:00 Good Morning Israel

E EDUCATIONAL TV

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E CHANNEL 2

13:00 Make a Wish 13:30 Super Duper 14:00 Echo Point 14:30 Tic Tac 15:00 The Best Israeli Video Clips 16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 News Magazine with Rafl Reshef 17:30 Open Cards 18:00 Santa Barbara 19:00 The Mossad 20:00 News 20:30 Zehu Zeh Live 21:05 Candid Camera 21:45 Dan Shilon Live 23:20 Exposure 00:00 News 00:05 Ticket for Two 00:30 The Town that Dreaded Sundown (1990) – based on the true story of a serial killer who temorized Texarkana in the '40s. With Ben Johnson. (90 mins.) 2:00 Through the Night 2:30 On the Edge of the Shelf

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- 18 Frenchman and I tucked into meat from Belgium (7)

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- 22 Good gracious! He's framed a cathedral cleric (7)
- 23 Be fully prepared to offer
- 24 Where tenants pay rent punctiliously (2,3,6)

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SOLUTIONS

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13 Discourage fellow cleaner

16 Pressing for a moment (7)

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QUICK CROSSWORD

- ACROSS 1 Query (8) 7 Culinary herb (5) 8 Snow-slip (9)
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- 12 Toffee (7) 13 Mindless (7) 15 Junior guide (7) 16 Against (6) 17 Romulus's

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- 19 Bishop's head-dress (5) 21 Eastern nursemaid (4)

TELEVISION

E CHANNEL 1

8:00 The Cairo Gentza 8:30 Family Relations 9:00 Locking at Arithmetic 9:25 Learning to Read 9:45 Programs for young children 10:15 Around the Globe 10:30 Literature 11:00 Mathematics 11:10 Welcome to France 11:30 Air 13:00 Art 13:00

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■ CHILDREN (6)

14:30 Take Your Pick 15:00 Covington Cross 15:30 Feature film 17:00 News flash 17:01 Feature film, continued 17:30 French Programs 19:30 News Headlines 19:35 Pacific Station 20:01 The American Chart Show 20:30

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Back Seat – fascinating documentation of nighttime conversations between taxi drivers and their taxes filmed on candid camera (rpt) 22:50 The Meter is Ticking – Amos Lavi as a taxi driver on night shift who tries to earn a fiving and avoid getting involved with his weird passengers (rpt) 23:20 The Larry Sanders Show 23:50 Melrose Place 00:35 Silk Stalkings 1:20 The Point Man 2:10 Sob Sisters 2:40 The Strauss Family 3:30 ENG – newsroom drama

11:30 Violation of Trust (1991) (pt)
13:05 Drums in the Deep South (1951)

- two friends, both in love with the same girl find themselves on opposite sides of the Civil War. Directed by

away. Directed by Peter Yates. With F. Murray Abraham. (108 mins.) 23:10 Night of the Running Man (1994) (pt) 1:25 The Chase (pt) 2:55 Emanuelle 5 (French 1986) - fifth episode of the

most famous series of erotic movies. A

diplomat's wife discovers the pleasures

of the Oriental erotic world (78 mins)

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

MIDDLE EAST TV

■ iTV 3 (33)

■ ETV 2 (23)

5:30 Cartoons 9:05 Simba the Lion King 9:30 Masked Rider 9:55 Little University – Inventors (pt) 10:30 Welcome Freshmen 11:00 Saved by the Bell 11:35 Black Stallion 12:00 Sweet Valley High 12:45 Alvin and the Chipmunks 13:00 Surprise Garden 13:20 The Muddles 13:45 Make-Believe Closet 14:05 Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventures 14:35 The Milky Way 15:00 Masked Rider 15:25 Little University 16:05 The Ren and Stimpy Show 16:25 Real Monsters 17:05 Animal Park 17:30 Sweet Valley High 18:15 Avenger Penguins 18:40 Make-Believe Closet 19:00 Blinky Bill 19:30 Three's Company 20:00 Marned with Children 20:25 Roseanne 20:50 Step by Step 21:10 Lois and Clark by Step 21:10 Lois and Clark

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 To Live (Chinese, 1994) – Zhang Yi Mo's masterpiece about the survival of a Chinese family over the years from the Communist Revolution through the Cultural Revolution. With Gong Li (126 mins.) 00:05 Interview with director Peter Greenaway about his new film Pillow Rook (10:20 Five Evenance Pillow Book 00:20 Five Evenings (Russian, 1978) – a man and a woman meet again after 17 years apart. Directed by Nikita Michalkov

■ DISCOVERY (8)

sury or a young executive who invents a wildly successful way to sell beer. With Loretta Swit, Directed by Patrick Kelly (82 mins.) 22-40 Neon Rider – new series about a psychologist who abandons his career for life in the Rockies 8:00 Open University 12:00 Cousteau (rpt) 13:00 Rings of Smoke — on the hazards of smoking 14:00 Open University 18:00 Cousteau (rpt) 17:05 Rings of Smoke (rpt) 18:00 Open University 20:00 Survival — Pelicans 21:00 Telescope 21:30 Wild Horizons 22:00 King Lear — With Laurence Olivier, Diana Rigg and other theater stars 00:40 Open University

E SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 The Selina Scott Show 7:00 The Ticket 7:30 NBC News with Tom Brokaw 8:00 Today 10:00 Wall Street Morning Reports 11:00 European Money Wheel 15:30 Wall Street Morning Reports 16:00 MSNBC - The Site 18:00 National Geographic 19:00 Executive Lifestyles 19:30 The Ticket 20:00 The Selina Scott Show 21:00 Dateline 22:00 European Table Tennis 23:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 00:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien 1:00 Later with Greg Kinnear 1:30 NBC News with Tom Brokaw 2:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 3:00 MSNBC - Internight

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sides of the Civil War. Directed by William Cameron Menzies. With James Craig; Guy Madison and Barbara Payton (86 mins.) 14:35 Seeing Stars 15:25. Experience Preferred But. Not Essential (1983) (rpt) 18:40 Airborne (1993) (rpt) 18:15 Huck and the King of Hearts (1993) (rpt) 19:50 Special report on Jude, starring Kate Winslet 20:15 Big Deal On Madonna Street (Italian, 1988) (rpt) 22:00 An Innocent Man (1989) — Tom Selleck as a man wrongly convicted of drug dealing. After he is released from jail he goes after the two policemen who had him put **■ EUROSPORT**

9:30 Horse Racing: World Cup (rpt) 10:30 Motor Sports Magazine 11:00 Indycar motor racing 13:00 GT Series motor racing 14:00 Csr Racing: The 24-Hour Race, France 15:00 Recreational Sports Magazine 15:30 Recreational Sports Magazine 15:30 Underwater Hunting from Thailand 16:00 Car Racing: Granada to Dakar Rally – roundup (rpt) 17:00 Motorcycle Racing: Profile of Eddie Lawson 19:00 Soccer: World Cup qualifying rounds 21:00 Tractor Pulling: Season roundup 22:00 Tennis: US World ATP Couples tournament – live 00:00 Car Racing:

The 24-Hour Race, France 1:00 Sailing

PRIME SPORTS

6:30 Spanish Soccer 6:30 International Motorsports News 7:30 Squash: Super Series Tour of Champions, NY 6:30 Watersports World 9:30 Motorcar Racing: History of the Macao Grand Phx (rpt) 10:30 Soccer. Gult Cup, match 4 12:00 World Windsurling 12:30 Trans World Sport 13:30 Spark Motorsports magazine 14:30 WWF Action Zone 15:30 Spanish Soccer League 16:00 Motorcar Racing: the Catalonia Rally 16:30 Gott: the Mastercard Grandslam - final day round up 18:30 Futbol Mondal 19:00
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15:00 Asian News 15:30 Business Asia
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SKY NEWS

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RADIO

TO VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Handel: Trio sonata in E for 2 horns and continuo op 5/8 (St Martin chamber ens); Mozart: Clarinet concerto in A K622 (Friedli/Zurich CO/Sloutz); Beethoven: String quartet in C op 59/3 "Rasumovsky" (Budapest Ot); Dukas: Variations, Interlude and Finale on theme of Rameau (Marraret Finaer but variations, internate and rinate on theme of Rameau (Margaret Fingerhut, piano); Mahler: Symphony no 10 (Bournemouth SO/Ratile) 12:00 Noon with Gideon Hod - tamiliar music and quiz 14:06 Encore - Manuel de Faila on the 50th anniversary of his death 15:00 Voice of Music magazine 16:00 Beethoven: String quintet in C op 29 (Vienna String Sextet); Faurè: Cantique de Jean Racine (Cambridge Singers/Rutter); Bartok: String quariet no 2 (Takas); Janacek: Sonata for vio-lin and piano (Sitkovetsky, Gilikov); Debussy: 4 Songs; Messlaen: Theme and variations for violin and piano and variations for violin and plano (1932) (Kremer, Argerich) 18:00 New CDs – planist Maria Joao Pires plays Nocturnes by Chopin; last-minute acquisitions 20:05 From the Recording Studio - Robert Moses (violin), Genia Levenberg (piano). Works by Walter Piston 21:00 Clouds, Celebrations and Sirens 23:00 The Art of the Song

CRITIC'S CHOICE

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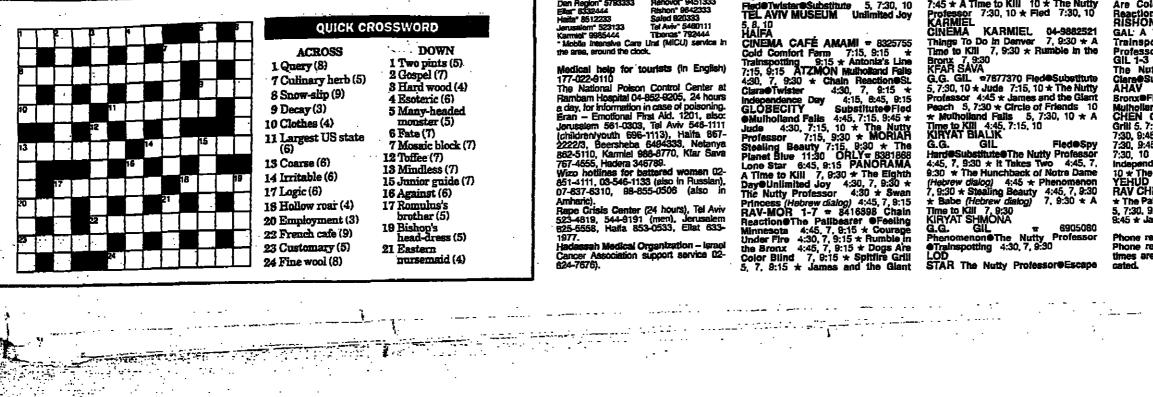
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Dayan, Bibi clash over Women of the Wall

DEPUTY Religious Affairs Minister Yigal Bibi faced MK Yael Dayan (Labor) in a headon clash at the Western Wall yesterday, as Dayan, chair of the Knesset Committee on the Status of Women, came to the site in an effort to seek a solution for the Women of the

You represent a group of crazy women, while I represent all the women of Israel," Bibi

Later, when they met in a private room in the ministry's office at the Wall, the decibels were lowered, but they still failed to come to an under-

Attending the meeting were ministry Director-General Avi Blovsky, Oded Winer, head of the Holy Sites Authority, and Masha Lubelsky, advisor to the internal security minister on

Dayan was accompanied by Meretz MKs Naomi Chazan and Anat Maor, while Jerusalem Councilwoman Anat Hoffman and Batya Cohen-Kallus represented the Women of the Wall. Also present were Rachel Sylvetzky, chair of Emuna Israel, and Mina Fenton, chair of the Jerusalem branch of the religious women's organiza-

In a plea to the women, Bibi who insisted that the Women of the Wall are Reform Jews, Orthodox and Conservative women are also members of the group - said that they have the beaches, the theaters, and the discotheques. The religious public has only this small bit of the Wall, he

Dayan answered that Bibi could not reserve the Western Wall for a particular group. Both the Wall and the beaches are open to everyone. "Don't ban us to the beaches,"

Davan told him. Bibi said that 90 percent of the Jewish women who pray do so in the traditional manner and suggested that the women had brought their strange religious practices from America.

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of times, there are barely a few hundred, while in cold weather. there are as few as 50.

Rejecting the accusation that the Women of the Wall has been a provocation, she asked how it could be that the group had come to pray every month for six years with no violence.

The only violence had come on Tuesday, when Dayan had been expected. Furthermore. the people attacking them had been part of an organized group which had come specifically in order to do so, she said.

However, Hoffman also insisted that in addition to raising their voices, which group members now do when they hold their regular prayers at the Wall, they would also insist upon wearing tallitot and reading from the Torah, practices to which haredi protesters have violently objected in the past.

The High Court of Justice has said the group should be allowed to pray at the Wall, she said, and a place must be found for it. She said the only solution is to allocate a special time for

Winer offered two alternative sites, the southern wall of the Temple Mount, near the Hulda Gate, presently administered by the Antiquities Authority, and the so-called Little Wall, an exposed area of the Western Wall north of the Western Wall

All of the members of the Knesset committee said that these two sites are not suitable. Bibi also suggested that the

entire expanse of the Western Wall, a length of some 488 meters, should be declared a holy site. The present Western Wall Plaza encompasses only Ashkenazi Meanwhile,

Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau told a visiting Emuna group from England that its members should raise their voices on behalf of the women who came to pray at the Western Wall, day and night. Lau said one must not forget

that the Western Wall is the Representing the Women of largest, oldest, and most be Wall. Hoffman said that sacred synagogue of the thousands of people did not Jewish people, in which the come to pray at the Wall on practice had always been to Rosh Hodesh - the beginning of hold prayer in the Orthodox

> Ben-Yair supported the idea of maintaining súbstantive immunity for matters directly relating to an MK's work. Chronicles

Regarding procedural immuni-ty, Ben-Yair said it had been intended to prevent the authorities from harassing MKs for their opinions. The law on immunity

He said that in a democratic

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next two years.

The ST-50 outside the Israviation factory in Kiryat Shmona yesterday.

ISRAVIATION'S experimental executive plane

staged a flypast over the firm's new \$6 million

factory in Kiryat Shmona yesterday, as part of a

The company is now working on the first production version, which is expected to be ready

in March in time to begin extensive tests for its

A second production model of the locally-

designed five-seater turboprop plane is expect-

ed to come off the production line in May. It

will also be involved in the tests to gain flight

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MKs reject abolishing

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ATTORNEY-GENERAL

Michael Ben-Yair yesterday

accused MKs of abusing their

right of parliamentary immunity

to avoid justice. Speaking to the

Knesset House Committee, Ben-

Yair proposed abolishing proce-

dural immunity, which covers

possible offenses not related to

The suggestion was not well-

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Speaker Dan Tichon to examine

the issue has submitted its report.

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state, there is no reason to fear the authorities will use the attorney-general to persecute MKs by filing baseless criminal charges. To emphasize the problems of

the law he cited the case of Sallah Tarif (Labor) whose immunity had to be lifted to face charges of illegally hunting quail. He also cited the protractimmunity of Raphael Pinhasi (Shas), who is the chairman of the committee. Pinhasi does not sit in discussions on immunity

Acting chairman Michael Eitan (Likud) opposed Ben-Yair's suggestion, saying that in the vast majority of cases the committee has agreed to a request that immunity be lifted. Eitan said the law provides a safety railing that

SLA soldier killed in south Lebanon

was killed yesterday and another lightly wounded hours earlier in separate Hizbullah attacks in the securi-

Gunmen opened fire yesterday morning with light weapons at an SLA outpost in the Shomriya region, in the central sector of the zone, killing one soldier.

In the evening, gummen again attacked the same position with mor-

A SOUTH Lebanese Army soldier tar rounds. There were no casualties in that incident and in both cases IDF and SLA gunners returned fire.

should not be removed.

In a separate incident, SLA troops came under fire from Sagger antitank missiles on Tuesday night while they were on operational duties in the eastern sector of the zone.

An SLA soldier was very lightly wounded in that attack and was able to continue his duties after receiving medical treatment. David Rudge

on constructing a new terminal at the airport, following a government allocation of NIS 6 queen of spades, queen of hearts. 10 of diamonds and ace of clubs. million for the project. the propeller mounted at the rear. Haifa Chemicals managers complain of death threats

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people and other efficiency mea-

sures to enable the company to

Veteran test pilot Danny Shapira and co-pilot Motti Rader were at the controls as the ST-50 flew four low-level flights over the new factory.

"A plane is a bit like a woman. You might not

love her at first, but she grows on you, and that

is what has happened with me with this plane,"

said Shapira, who is also helping to design the

Hundreds of people attended the inauguration of the factory, which adjoins Kiryat Shmona's airfield. Mayor Prosper Azran, who was among

the guests, announced that work is to start soon

cockpit layout.

POLICE have been asked to investigate claims that a senior member of the management of the troubled Haifa Chemicals factory has received death threats from striking workers.

Flypast marks inauguration of

Kiryat Shmona plane factory

DAVID RUDGE

hoped the certificates would be obtained by the

end of 1997, to enable the firm to move into full

Company president Stephane Juffa said they

He said that interest in the aircraft, which is

slated to sell for around \$1.2 million, is suffi-

cient to keep the firm operating full time, pro-

ducing and delivering one plane a week for the

The plane, made of composite materials and

carbon fibers, is powered by a Pratt and

Whitney engine in a pusher configuration, with

A company spokesman said four separate threats had been made in. the past few days against the production manager at the bayside district plant.

We are taking the matter seriously and have asked police to investigate," the spokesman said. The plant's 500 workers have

been on strike for over a week to press management to rescind its on to annul the collective labor agreement which expires at

the end of next month. Management says it wants to annul the accord in order to implement sweeping changes, including cutting the work force by over 100

compete profitably in overseas markets. The workers and the Histadrut.

however, see management's moveas an attempt to break the collective agreement and bring in workers on personal contracts. Management denies this. The closure of the factory, the

world's biggest manufacturer of potassium nitrate, which is used as a fertilizer in agriculture, is costing the firm hundreds of thousands of dollars every day.

Nevertheless, management says it is determined to adhere to its decision, while the workers are making its cancellation a precondition for resuming negotiations.
The Haifa Regional Labor Court

Meanwhile, the Histadrut yesterday initiated steps to intensify

is to hear a petition from the

Histadrut tonight calling for man-

agement to rescind dismissal

notice sent last month to 124

sanctions against the company by enlisting the support of workers' committees in the south. Haifa Chemicals has another factory near Beersheba which is not effected by the strike and has no union.

Baruch Zaltz, head of the Histadrut's Haifa district branch, met with workers' committee representatives at the Beersheba Labor Council offices. It was agreed to establish a special team to draw up plans for disrupting work at the firm's southern factory by delaying the entry of raw materials and the exit of products.

Sheffer blames Rabin, Peres with drop in IDF motivation

NEWS IN BRIEF

The Veterinary Service has asked the Nature Reserves Authority to

reduce the wild animal population in the North, after nine cases of

rabies have been discovered in the past two weeks, in three foxes

"This is a new record which indicates overpopulation of wild

animals in the North, including jackals, foxes, and perhaps wolves. A reduction of the animal population must be implemented immediately in order to prevent [the spread of] the disease," said service head Menachem Davidson.

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Man held for molesting girlfriend's daughter

molesting his live-in girlfriend's five-year-old daughter. He is to be

remanded in Ashdod Magistrate's Court today. The girlfriend said she discovered this on Tuesday evening and immediately

complained to police. An investigator who questioned the child

said it appears that the man has been molesting her for the past

Man gets 28 months for abusing son

sentenced to 28 months in prison and a year's probation by

Beersheba District Court yesterday. The boy's mother also

allegedly abused him, but her case was separated from her husband's and her trial is still going on.

The case came to the attention of the police, when fisherman

belt and other objects.

year, entering her bedroom or the shower with her, even when her

A father convicted of cruelly abusing his seven-year-old son was

discovered the boy sleeping on a park bench in October 1995.

He told them he refused to go home because his parents beat

him. According to testimony in the case, the boy was beaten with a

An Ashdod resident, 53, was arrested yesterday for allegedly

OC Manpower Maj.-Gen. Gideon Sheffer admitted yesterday that low motivation is a problem in the military but placed the blame on, among other influences, former Labor prime ministers Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres.

The IDF finds it difficult to deal with this task when [soldiers] see the prime minister take singer Aviv Gefen to heart or hear the prime minister say that the hotels on the shores of the Kinneret are more important than the soldiers there," Sheffer told Knesset Education Committee. "In other words, the

message is that everything is

Rabies outbreak in North

measured solely in economic terms."

Sheffer said the problem of dropping motivation is a national phenomenon. He said there has been a slow but consistent drop in motivation in recent years mainly in regular non-vocational state schools, but also in state religious schools and kibbutzim.

"As a result of the drop in will-ingness to serve, the usefulness of soldiers reaching the army today has decreased. However, on the whole, the IDF today is of a better quality than in the past and what needs to be rectified should be rectified," Sheffer said.

Probe of Holocaust assets in Swiss banks yields \$8,690

ZURICH (Reuter) - Swiss Jews, disappointed that banks have linked only a fraction of the dor-mant wealth they hold to Nazi Holocaust victims, were pinning their hopes yesterday on a highpowered independent auditing

Swiss banking ombudsman Hanspeter Haeni said yesterday the hunt for unclaimed wealth in secretive Swiss banks' vaults had found valid claims for 1.6 million francs (\$1.26 million), of which only 11,000 francs (\$8,690) was held by Jews.

"We were a bit disappointed," said Thomas Lyssy, vice presi-dent of the Swiss Federation of Jewish Communities. "We expected a little bit more money to be given to heirs of Holocaust

Lyssy's reaction was mild compared with that of the World Jewish Congress, whose vice president, Kalman Sultanik, called Haeni's probe "pathetic" and said he was "acting as a photo-copying service for the Swiss banks."

The work of checking that banks are acting honestly in the emotion-charged search now falls to a commission agreed in May by Jewish groups and the Swiss Bankers Association and headed by former US central bank chief Paul Volcker

Jewish representatives and Swiss bankers each have three people on the panel, which is expected to announce within days the auditors it has chosen to pore. over banks' wartime records.

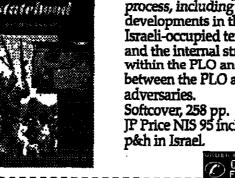
"I think it is important that the Volcker Commission controls and checks all that work [by the banks]," Lyssy said in an inter-

He said it was not that the Jewish community did not trust the banking ombudsman, who was named by banks as the first stop for people eager to find out if they still were owed money left by relatives in Swiss banks.





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